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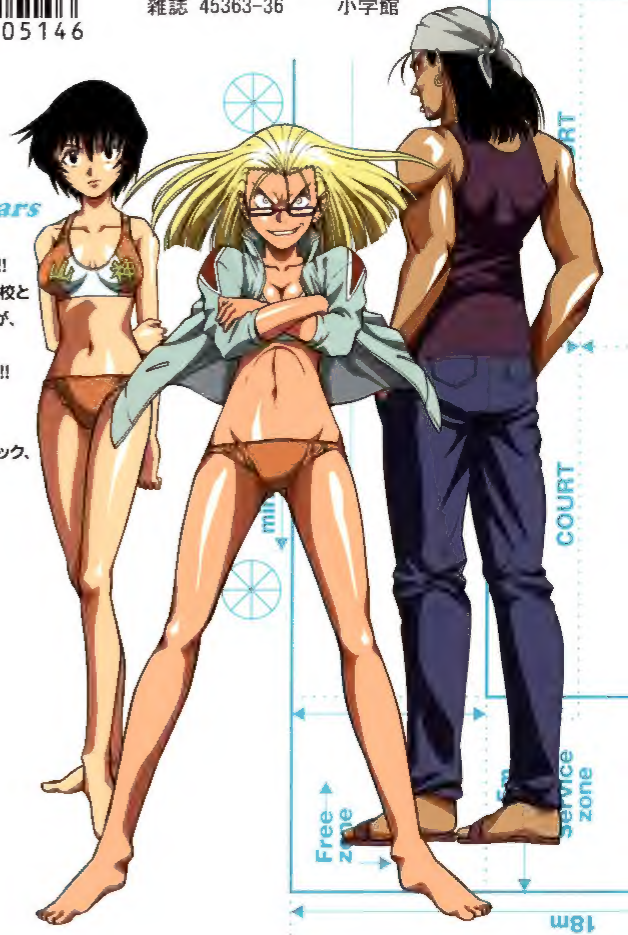

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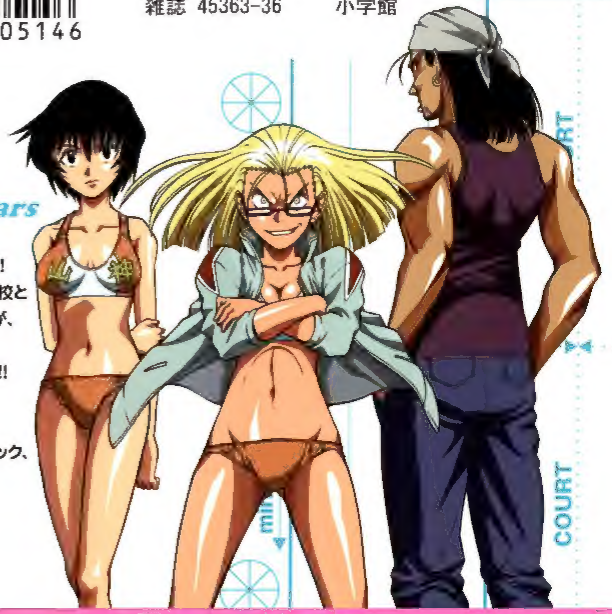

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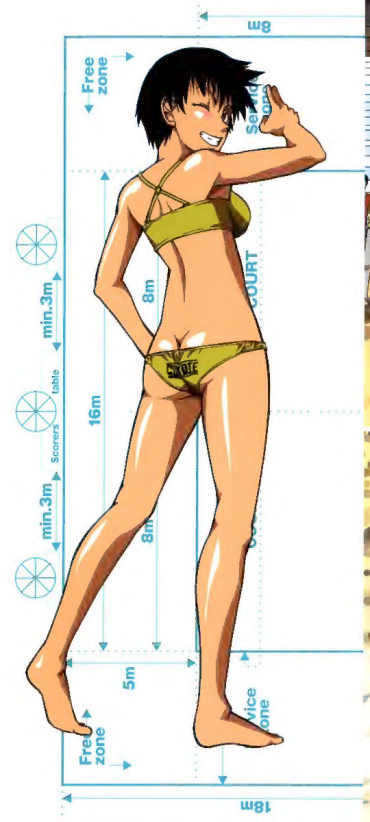

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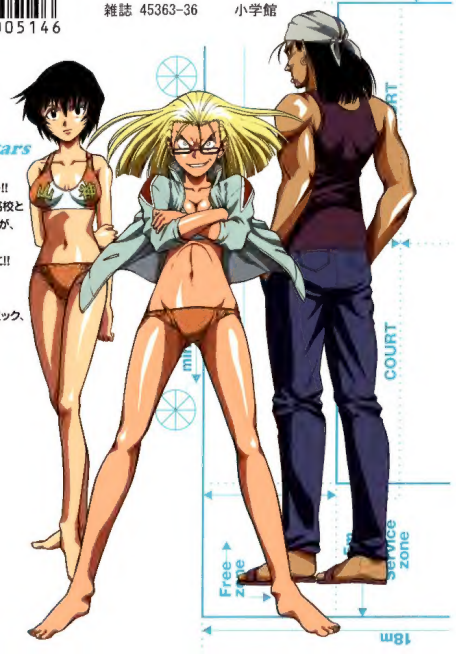

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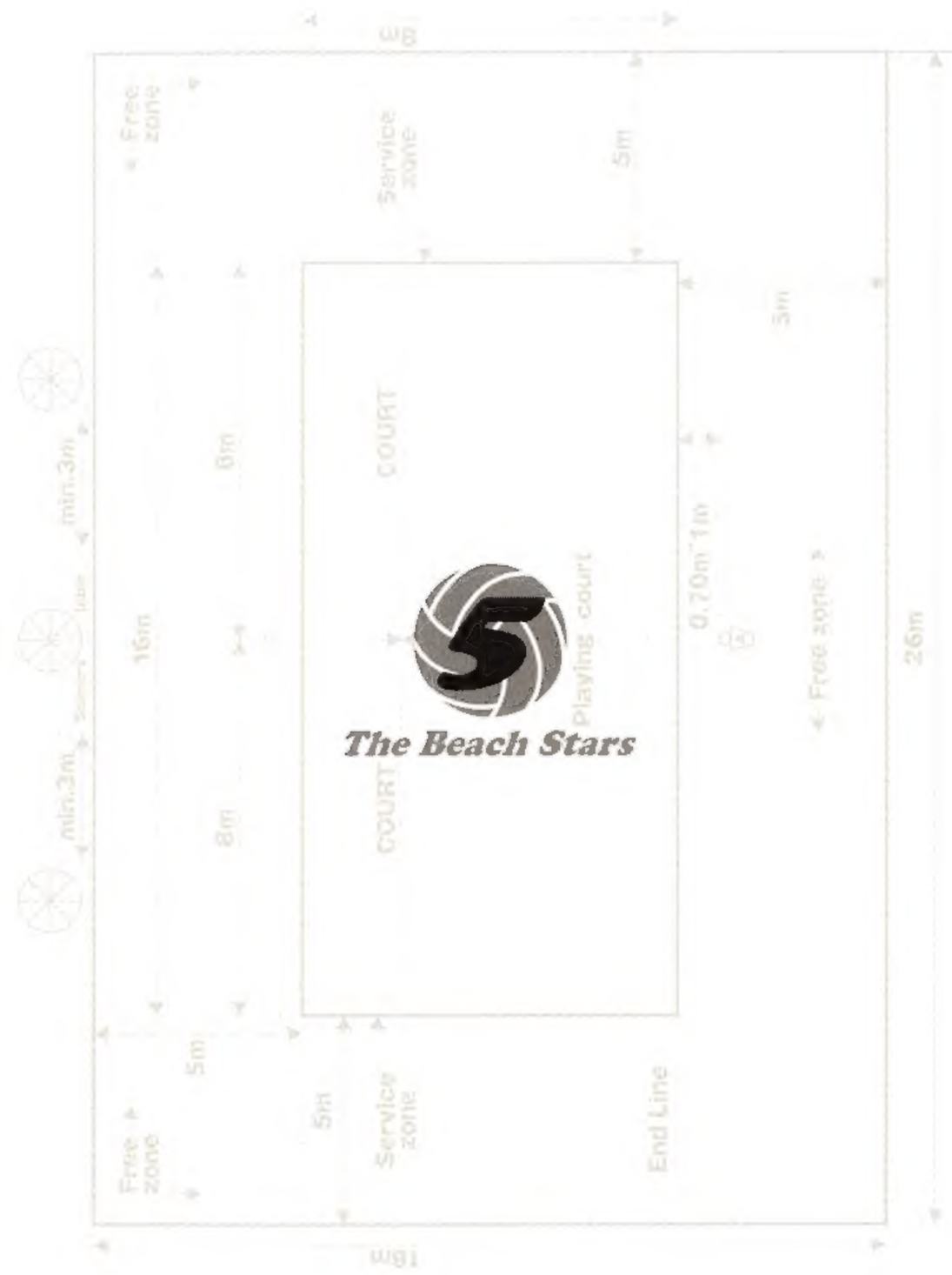

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登場人物紹介

相沢みちる
1年生。
バレーボールは初心者。

タッキー
1年生。本名・武田滝子。
初心者。

徳野涼子
元・アテネ五輪ビーチバレー代表選手。
なりゆきで、イルカたちのコーチをすることに。

本田京介
23歳の新米ダメ教師。
あだ名はボン太。
なりゆきでビーチバレー部の
顧問に。山神高校の出身で、
元・デスメダル部部長!?

藤井先生
廃部になった
バレー部の顧問。

七瀬イルカ
神奈川県の
県立日ヶ崎高校に通う、
元気一杯の高校2年生。
17歳。背は低いが、
バレーへの情熱なら
誰にも負けない女の子。
4人家族の長女。

石原ことみ
廃部になった
バレー部時代の仲間。

多ノ倉リン
廃部になった
バレー部時代の仲間。

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前巻のあらすじ

「女子ビーチバレーの甲子園」と
呼ばれる、マドンナカップの
神奈川県予選大会が始まった!
全部で36組72名の
女子高校生達が、
火花を散らして戦う熱い大会だ。

我らが日ヶ崎高校ビーチバレー部からは、
イルカ・ことみペアと
タッキー・みちるペアの2チームが出場。

初心者コンビのタッキー・みちるペアも
善戦するが、3回戦で敗退。
しかし、イルカ・ことみペアは見事、
ベスト8まで勝ち進む――!!
はたして、栄冠をつかむのは……!?

早川さなえ

ビーチバレー界のアイドル。高2。
実力も超一流で、
ロンドンオリンピックの
最有力候補とも言われている。
グラビア・CMでも活躍中。

倉地・天野

山神高校Aチーム。前年度優勝ペア。

リサ

タッキーの友達。

スグル・タケシ・ノブオ

ひらつかビーチパークにたむろしていた不良達3人組。
ノブオはバレーボールの強豪校・山神高校バレー部出身。
ボン太の後輩でもある。

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LUNCH BREAK

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The qualification rounds of the Kanagawa Prefecture for the Madonna Cup have now reached the last stretch with the beginning of the quarterfinals!!

On the courts arranged for this occasion, you can assist to the four amazingly fought matches simultaneously!

Who between Higasaki, the challenger who has soared to the fourth round, and Inamori, the top seed, will win this close match?!

ON THE FIRST COURT TEAM B OF HIGASAKI HIGH SCHOOL OPPOSES TEAM A OF INAMORI.

The suspense is unbearable, my friends!!

オオオ

Higasaki (B) 16—10 Inamori (A)

Iruka Nanase from Higasaki is now serving!!

ALL RIGHT!

IVIMI, THIS ONE IS ALL YOURS!!

Wow! Such a good reception!!

THERE YOU GO, TERU!

ARGH!

Inamori's players are in an ideal position for an offensive play. lady luck is with them!

THEY'RE ABOUT TO ATTACK! I'M COVERING THE LEFT SIDE!

OKAY, I'M TAKING THE RIGHT SIDE!

IRUKA!!

AAAH!

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DAMN RIGHT, I WAS SCARED ON THAT ONE ...

THAT WAS CLOSE!

This reception allows her team to go on the offensive against Inamori!!

A perfect reception from Nanase!!

UNBE-LIEV-ABLE ...

I THINK THEY'LL TRY TO DOUBLE COUNTER YOU!

BE CAREFUL!

FWH

WE MUST STOP HER AT ALL COST!!

IT'S PAYBACK TIME!!

What!? What's happening!? Iruka Nanase turned her back towards the net!!

WHAAAT !?

I'M DREAM-ING..

A REVERSE BUMP!?

Wonderful! Iruka Nanase evaded the double counter on her and sent the ball to the side with a reverse move!!

YEEEEEES! EXACTLY AS I IMAGINED IT!

H-H-H ...HOW DID SHE DO THAT?

IT'S IN-HUMAN!

THEY'RE PLAYING RATHER WELL.

I LIKE HIGASAKI'S PLAYERS...

BEACH VOLLEY-BALL WAS MISSING A PLAYER LIKE HER.

HA... HAHAHA! WHAT A FUNNY GIRL!

FOR THAT ALONE, I'LL CHEER FOR THEM.

THEY HAVE GOOD REFLEXES, ARE MAKING ACCURATE PASSES AND HAVE RICH AND VARIED ATTACKING TECHNIQUES...

THE SUCCESS OF LAST YEAR'S WINNERS BASED PRIMARILY ON THE POWER OF KURACHI, THE STRONGEST ATTACKER IN THE WHOLE KANAGAWA PREFECTURE...

AND ON THE OTHER SIDE, WE HAVE TEAM A FROM YAMAGAMI...

BAH! ANYWAY ...

THESE TWO TEAMS WILL PROBABLY BE IN THE FINALS.

WHATEVER THE OUTCOME, THEY AREN'T MY ENEMIES!

Seeing how fast it ended, we can say that the outsiders are in a hurry to reach the semi-finals!!

And the match is over!!

Higasaki (B) 21—12 Inamori (A)

IT'S REALLY AMAZING...

CONGRATULATIONS, GIRLS! I'M PROUD OF YOU!

IT WAS AMAZING! YOU ARE IN THE BEST FOUR!

SO? HOW DID YOU FIND US?

Mouhakai!

I WAS SURE SHE WAS BORN TO PLAY VOLLEY-BALL, BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT HER TO PROG-RESS THAT FAST IN ONLY A COUPLE OF MATCHES!..

...SHE HASN'T REALIZED IT YET, BUT IT'S CLEAR THAT IRUKA HAS NOW REACHED THE LEVEL OF THE BEST PLAYERS OF THE PREFECTURE...

LUNCH BREAK FOR EVERYONE!

ALL RIGHT! WE CAN SAY THAT YOU WAITED AND DESERVED IT, SO...

ROGER!

IT'S 1:30PM. WE'LL MEET HERE IN ONE HOUR.

ROGER!!

MEMO

IT HAPPENS TO EVERYONE, FORGETTING THEIR LUNCH MONEY...

YEAH, RIGHT... IT WAS A MISTAKE ON MY PART...

AND I WANT THE CHANGE, IF THERE IS ANY!!

YEAH, YEAH! IF THERE'S ANY...

ALL RIGHT, IT'S COMING! JUST A SECOND...

HEY! YOU TAKE ME FOR SOME SORT OF CHARITY ORGANIZATION?! I DON'T OWE YOU ANYTHING!

WE GOT CAUGHT ...

NEVER SAW A TEACHER SO CHEAP!

A MONSTER HOTDOG, PLEASE!

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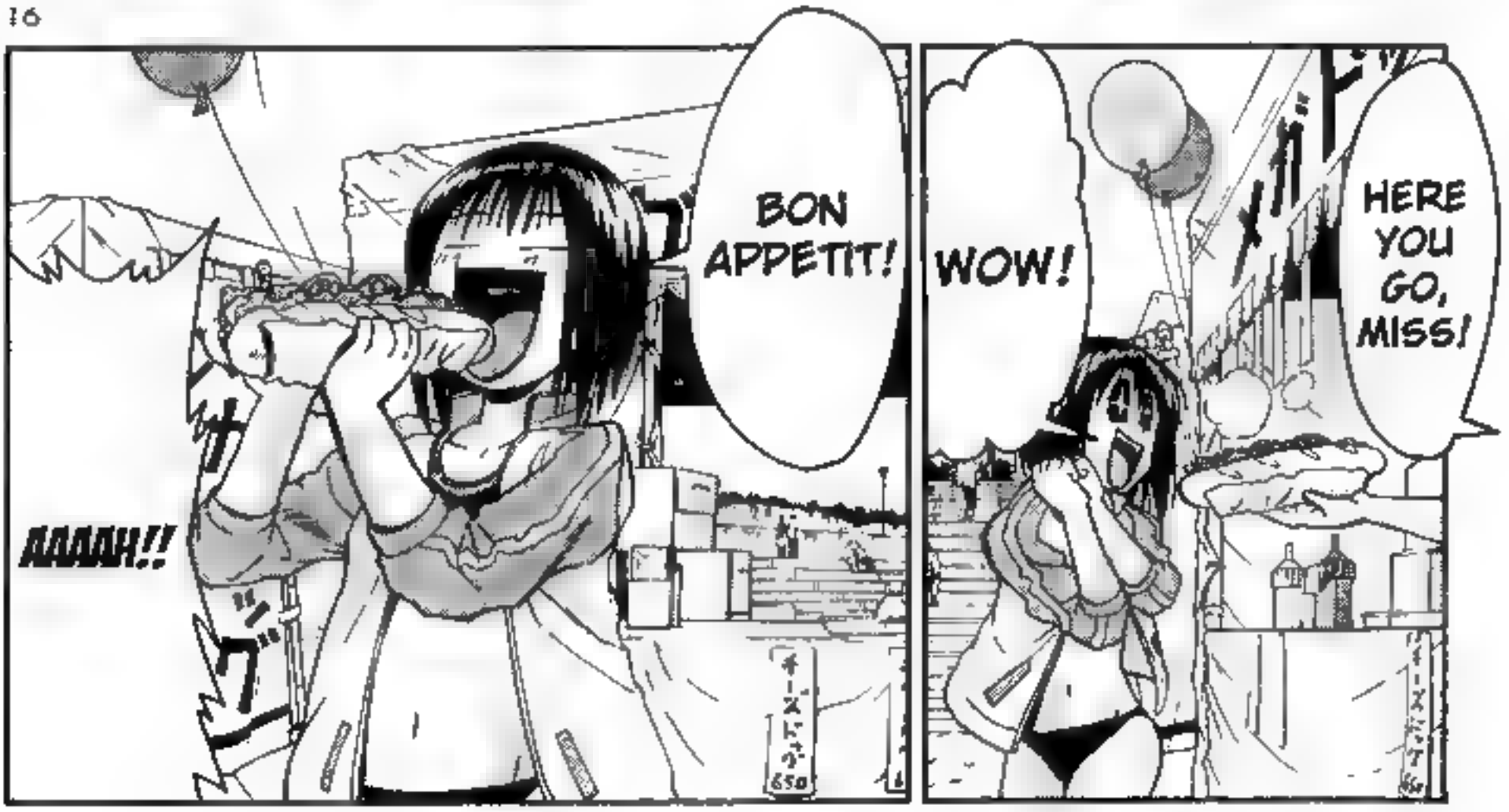
BON APPETIT!
AAAAH!!
WOW!
HERE YOU GO, MISS!

BUT WE WON'T SWEAT ON THE DETAILS!

IRUKA NANASE FROM HIGASAKI HIGH SCHOOL!!

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, I FORGOT? THING FROM SOMETHING HIGH SCHOOL?

...WAT IZ IT?

MY NAME IS HIRO! WAZZUP?

WAZZ UP?

YEAH! THAT'S IT!

AND I CAN TELL YOU IT WAS A REAL FEAST!

I DIDN'T MISS A SINGLE SECOND OF YOUR MATCH!

HEY, HEY!

DON'T WORRY! IF YOU WANT THE PICTURE, I'LL SEND IT TO YOU LATER!

COME ON! CHEEZE!

WE AREN'T CHILDHOOD FRIENDS! SHE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A TOURIST...

W...WHAT DOES SHE WANT? SHE'S REALLY WEIRD...

AND FOR THE SPIKES, YOU DON'T HAVE TO MOVE SO SOON. YOU CAN WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT.

AH! WHILE I STILL REMEMBER...!

YOU SHOULD REALLY STOP JUMPING ALL THE TIME, EVEN FOR A BALL THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO RECEIVE.

WHO'S THAT GIRL? IT'S EXACTLY WHAT KOTOMI TELLS ME EVERY DAY!

HEH?!

AH! THERE YOU ARE! SO, HOW WAS IT?

UNLESS THERE'S AN EXTRAORDINARY TURNAROUND, THE VICTORY GOES TO YAMAGAMI.

THE OTHER PLAYERS ARE LOSING HOPE ONLY BY LOOKING AT HER PLAY.

GUESS!

I'M SURE THAT NANASE WILL BE ABLE TO BLOW OUT KURACHI!

YES, YES! IT'S REALLY HER! NANASE FROM HIGASAKI!

HMM? AREN'T YOU...

DURING THE LAST MADONNA CUP, KURACHI WASN'T ALL HAUGHTY...

BUT NOW, SHE HAS A BIG HEAD AND THINKS OF HERSELF AS THE QUEEN OF THE BEACH ...

OOPS! SORRY!

WE DIDN'T INTRODUCE OUR-SELVES.

DAMN, WHO ARE YOU...

WHAT ?

OF COURSE WE KNOW, SINCE WE SAW HER PLAY LAST YEAR.

HEY, WAIT A MINUTE! HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE MADONNA CUP AND KURACHI!?

BOTH OF US ARE IN OUR THIRD YEAR. MY NAME IS HIRO KAGURAZAKA AND HER, IT'S SADAKO IZUMI.

WE ARE REPRESENTING AOMORI AND EHIME PREFECTURES.

... AND WE MET BY PURE LUCK.

I CAME HERE TO OBSERVE THE TEAMS FROM TOKYO AND KANAGAWA ...

I'M... I'M DREAMING!

HOW? REALLY? FOR THE MADONNA CUP?!

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.. TO COME WATCH THE SELECTION ROUND ..

YIKES... I WASN'T EXPECTING TO SEE H GH LEVEL PLAYERS...

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BOF! EVERYONE THINKS THAT KURACHI WILL WIN...

HONESTLY, I'D LIKE IT IF THE TOURNAMENT WAS A BIT MORE INTER-ESTING...

WHAT!?

HMM? I WAS THINKING... WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW HOW TO BEAT KURACHI?

I CAN TELL YOU YOUR WEAK POINT IF YOU WANT.

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KAGURAZAKA AND IZUMI

The Beach Stars

HOW TO BEAT KURACHI!?

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ABSO-LUTELY. YOU'RE DYING TO KNOW, RIGHT?

...AGAINST THE KANAGAWA PREFECTURE FAVOURITE?

IS THERE REALLY A WAY TO WIN...

HEY! IRUKAAAA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THE BREAK IS ENDING SOON!

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WHO ARE THESE GIRLS? FRIENDS OF YOURS?

NO NOTH-ING!

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WHAT!? QUALIFIED PLAYERS FOR THE MADONNA CUP?!

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EHIME PREFECTURE, SADAKO IZUMI (3RD YEAR)

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AOMORI PREFECTURE, HIRO KAGURAZAKA (3RD YEAR)

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. . .A GOOD THING THEY CLARIFIED THAT POINT CAUSE WE REALLY CAN'T TELL BY THEIR LOOKS.

I... I DON'T BELIEVE IT! IT MEANS THAT THESE GIRLS ARE THE BEST PLAYERS OF THEIR PREFECTURE!?

OH? BE CAREFUL, YOU DROPPED YOUR NOTEBOOK, I THINK ...

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NO!!

RIGHT, GIRL?!

YEAH! WELL, TODAY, WE ARE HERE TO WATCH THE MATCHES AND GO SIGHT-SEEING.

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE HER!!

SHE STOLE MY DRESS, THIS PIECE OF SHIT!!

ONE DAY, I'LL SUE HER!

ONE NEVER GIVE ME BACK THOSE SKETCH

I LENT HER THE OTHER DAY AND SHE DARES TO ASK ME FOR ANOTHER ONE!!

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE HER!! GO TO HELL!

BITCH

OH NO, WAIT AND YOU'LL SEE!!

DIMINUTION

I'LL NEVER GIVE IT TO HER!!

SHE ST ANOTHER ONE OF THE BIG TOLD

I'LL KILL YOU

NEXT TO ME AND THE SLUT SPILLED

HER SAUCE ON HER

THIS BITCH, SHE'S ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF STUPIDITY!!

I HATE HER

CURSE YOU!

ON 43 GENERATIONS

SMILE WHILE YOU CAN, BECAUSE ONE DAY, YOU WON'T SEE ME COMING AND YOU'LL PAY

MOMMY!

TODAY SHE HIT ME ON THE BACK AGAIN

DID YOU READ MY NOTES ?

HIIII! ALL HER HATE IS IN THIS BOOK! SHE'S NOT PISSED AT THAT GIRL, SHE REALLY WANTS TO KILL HER!

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WHAT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

A WAY TO BEAT KURACHI ...

SO, LET'S TALK BUSINESS ...

ACTUALLY, I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD LISTEN TO THESE KINDS OF THINGS

BESIDES, YOU ARE TELLING ME ALL THIS EVEN THOUGH WE JUST BARELY MET ...

A CHEAT CODE?

WHAT!? SERIOUSLY!? THERE'S A CHEAT CODE TO BEAT THAT BOSS!?

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DON'T TRY TO LOOK ANY DEEPER ...

IT'S A REASON LIKE ANY OTHER, RIGHT?

I DON'T LIKE KU-RACHI...

WHAT!?

ANYWAY, WE DON'T CARE!

... A FIRST-CLASS PLAYER MUST ALSO KNOW HOW TO SEIZE THESE SORTS OF OP-PORTUNITIES!

LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY... WHEN YOU AIM FOR THE TOP, YOU DON'T ONLY NEED TO BE STRONG...

SHE'S THE KIND OF GIRL YOU NEED TO CRUSH ON THE SPOT.

EH... IF YOU SAY SO.

SHE'S RIGHT! IT'S AN UNEX-PECTED CHANCE!

YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED BUT, IN FACT, SHE HAS A SPASM.

WHILE PLAYING AGAINST HER.

I DISCOVERED A WEAK POINT BY PURE LUCK LAST YEAR.

STOOOP !!

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT ANYMORE!!

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WE'RE WON-DER-ING..

HEY, WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU!?

YOU'RE CRAZ YYYY7!

FINALLY, THE SEMI-FINALS ...

KURA-
CHI!

FRANKLY, YOU'VE AMAZED ME. I REALLY DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO REACH THE SEMI-FINALS.

YOU CAN SAY THANKS TO YOUR PARTNER, I GUESS ...

...WHAT ARE YOU IMPLYING?

I HEARD YOU WORKED HARD THESE LAST FEW MONTHS?

IT'S REALLY AMAZING TO MAKE THAT MUCH PROGRESS IN SO LITTLE TIME...

NOTHING. IT JUST MAKES ME THINK OF THESE FLOWERS THAT WE NURTURE A LOT AND LET GROW TOO FAST...

... AS THEIR GROWTH IS SO SUDDEN, THE STEM DOESN'T HAVE TIME TO FORTIFY NORMALLY, WHICH MAKES THEM MORE FRAGILE THAN THE OTHERS...

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JUST LIKE YOUR PARTNER, SOMEHOW ...

IT WOULD BE A PITY IF SHE DIDN'T FINISH THE TOURNA-MENT...

WHAT SHITTY TRICK ARE YOU PREPARING?!

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I WON'T LET YOU HARM HER!!

YOU'LL BE VERY SAD WHEN SHE HAS TO FORFEIT ...

WELL, WELL. LOOKS LIKE SHE'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO YOU...?

I THINK THERE'S A LITTLE MIS-UNDERSTAND-ING

I'M NOT HER PROBLEM ...

ARGH!!

... BUT YOU! YOU ARE THE ONE WHO'LL DESTROY THE FUTURE OF IRUKA NANASE ...

... SINCE SHE MADE THE MISTAKE OF BECOMING YOUR PART-NER!

... I KNOW WHERE TO CONCENTRATE MY ATTACKS WHEN THE TIME COMES.

NOW THAT I KNOW HER WEAK POINT ...

HE HE HE...

I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, BUT IF IT'S SUPPOSED TO HELP ME WIN, I'LL FIND IT ALONE!

EVEN IF SHE HAS A WEAK POINT, IT WOULD BE CHEAP TO FIND IT THIS WAY.

OH. OOOOH! THAT'S QUITE THE LINE!

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YEAAAH!

LET'S GO! LET'S AIM FOR VICTORY!

SHE RE-JECTED MY ADVICE

I THINK WE COULD BE GREAT FRIENDS.

WE JUST MET, BUT I ALREADY LIKE THIS GIR...

THE SEMI-FINALS ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN!!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE!

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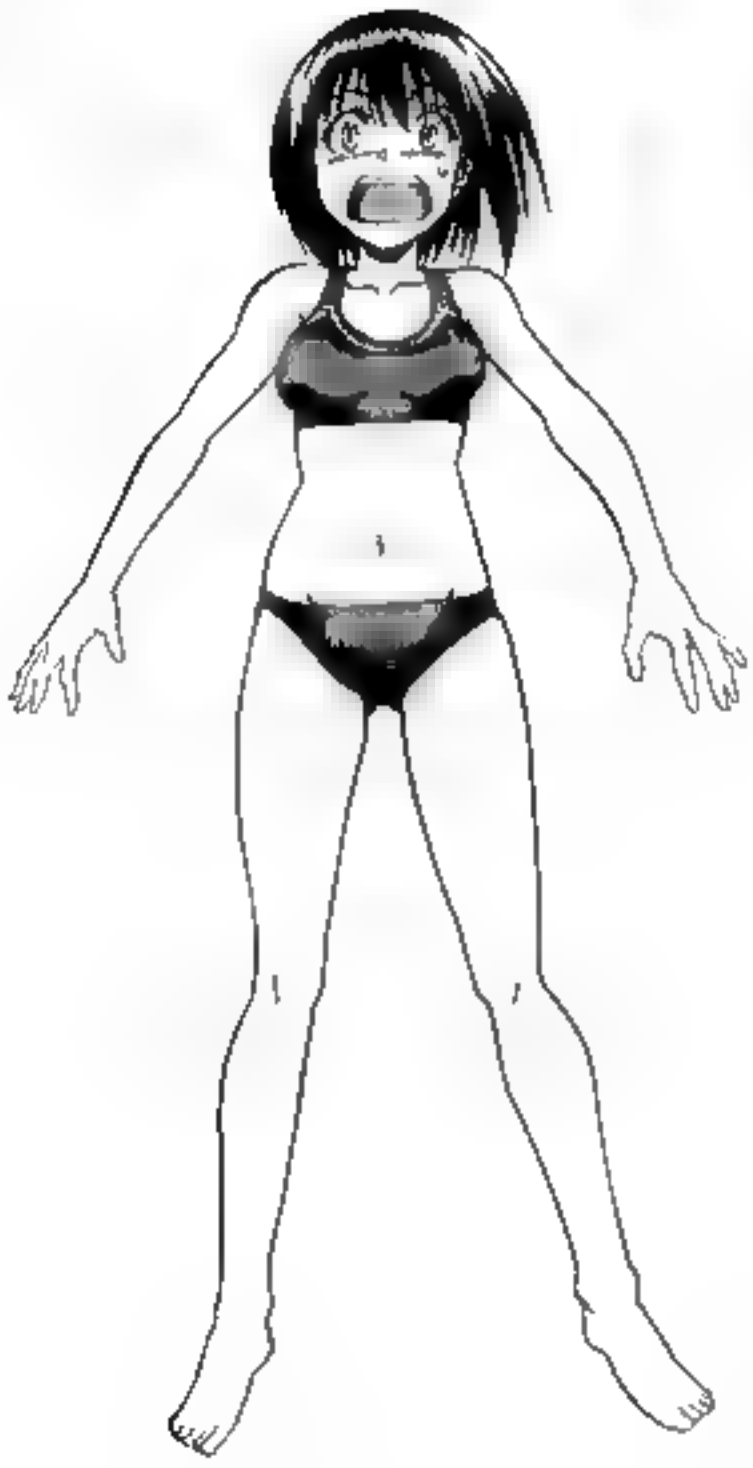

CHAPTER 43
TWO OF A KIND

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THE MADONNA CUP'S PLAYOFFS CONTINUE HERE IN KANAGAWA, WHERE THE SEMI-FINALS HAVE JUST BEGUN!!

THE TOP FOUR TEAMS OF THE PREFECTURE ARE COMPETING AT THIS VERY MOMENT TO TRY AND WIN THEIR TICKET TO THE FINAL.

ON COURT A, HIGASAKI HIGH SCHOOL IS PLAYING AGAINST HATANAKA...

...TO WHOM THEY GIVE NO REST! INDEED, HIGASAKI'S ATTACKS FALL ON THEIR OPPONENTS LIKE A TSUNAMI!!

JUST IN TIME!!

GOOD! GOOD!! HATANAKA'S PLAYERS ARE KEEPING THEIR HEAD COOL.

THEY SEND THE BALL BACK IN EXTREMIS BEFORE RETUR-NING TO POSITION...

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WHAAAT?!

DAMN.. IT CAN'T BE!?

YIKES! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! NANASE RETURNED THE BALL DIRECTLY TO HER OPPONENTS WITHOUT EVEN RECEIVING IT!

Higasaki (B) 19—11 Hatanaka

HEY! CHECK OUT THE OTHER COURT! THERE ARE AMAZING PLAYS OVER THERE TOO!!

ARE YOU SURE IT'S HIGASAKI'S FIRST TIME PARTICIPAT-ING!?

DAMN!

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YAMAGAMI'S PLAYER IS INCREDIBLE!!

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MA-CHIKO! IT'S YOURS!

MOVE! YOU'RE BLOCKING THE WAY!!

HER SPIKE WAS SO POWERFUL THAT IT KEPT ITS ORIGINAL POWER EVEN AFTER THE BLOCK!!

DID... DID YOU SEE THIS?!

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GAME OVER! THE FINAL WILL THEREFORE OPPOSE HIGASAKI HIGH SCHOOL TO YAMAGAMI HIGH SCHOOL!!
Higasaki (B) 21—16 Hatanaka

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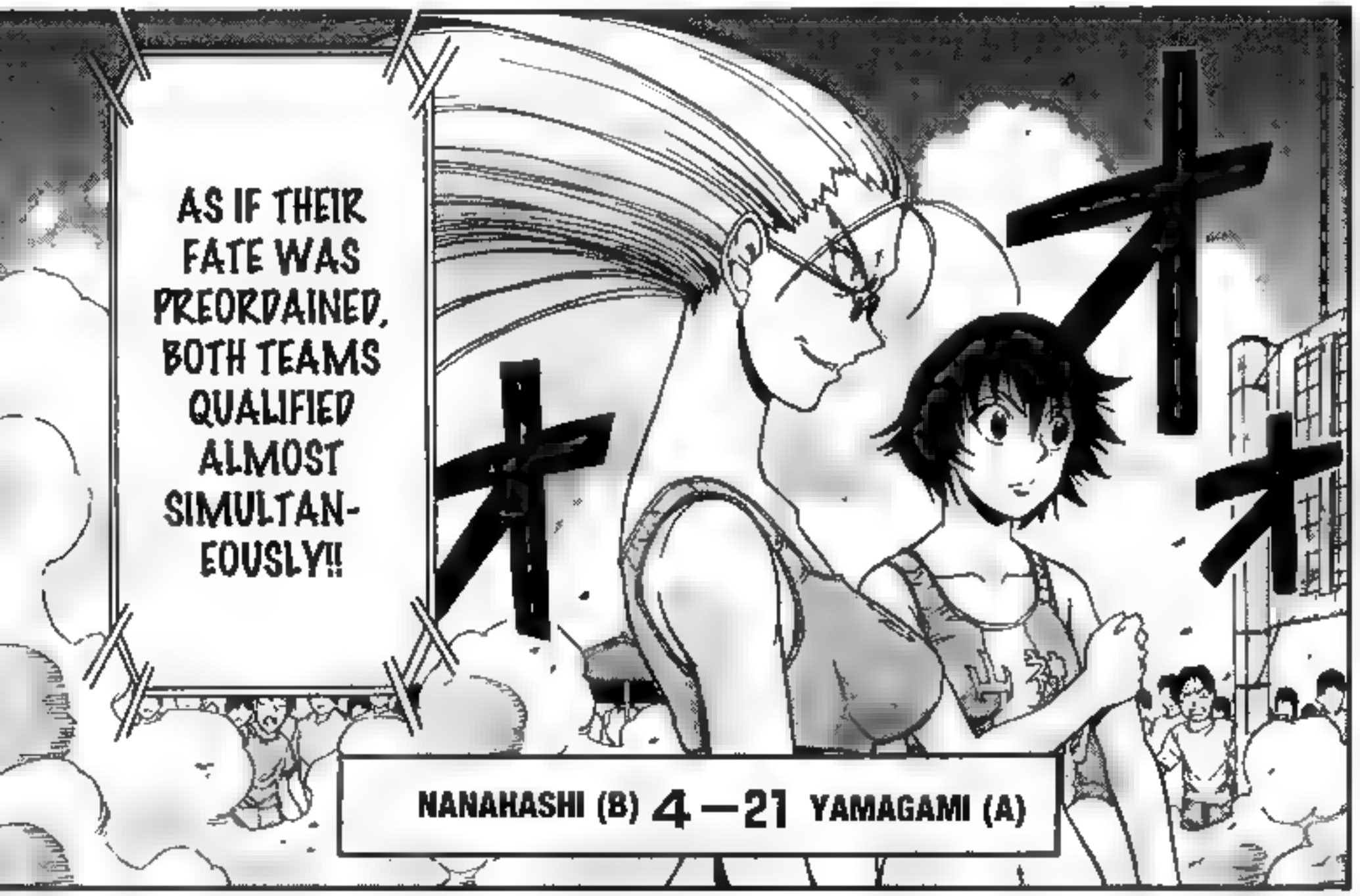
AS IF THEIR FATE WAS PREORDAINED, BOTH TEAMS QUALIFIED ALMOST SIMULTAN-EOUSLY!!
NANAHASHI (B) 4—21 YAMAGAMI (A)

WE FINALLY MADE IT TO THE FINAL! IT'S REAL; I'M NOT DREAMING, RIGHT?!

YOU WERE AMAZING! HOORAY!!

AH! EHHH... IF YOU WANT...

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I'LL CELEBRATE WHEN WE'VE WON THE MATCH.

BUT AREN'T YOU HAPPY? OUR CLUB IS THE NUMBER 2 OF KANAGAWA!!

YES, OF COURSE, BUT...

DON'T COUNT YOUR CHICKENS UNTIL THEY'VE HATCHED!!

ME, WHAT I REALLY WANT IS THE NATIONAL CHAMPION-SHIP!

AND WE ARE JUST ONE STEP AWAY FROM THE MADONNA CUP.

SO I MUST NOT SLOW DOWN!!

I HAD FORGOTTEN THAT YOUR GOAL WAS TO PLAY AGAINST HAYAKAWA DURING THE MADONNA CUP.

NOTHING CAN STOP US!

YEAH!

THE LONG-AWAITED FINAL MATCH OF THE KANAGAWA PREFECTURE'S PLAYOFFS WILL START SOON!

IT WILL BE HELD ON A COURT SPECIALLY ARRANGED FOR THE OCCASION.

THOSE INTERESTED IN WATCHING ARE INVITED TO COME CLOSER TO THE COURT.

GOOD JOB, GIRLS!

IT'S THE LAST MATCH!!

HERE, FOR YOU, MILADY.

YES, SIR!

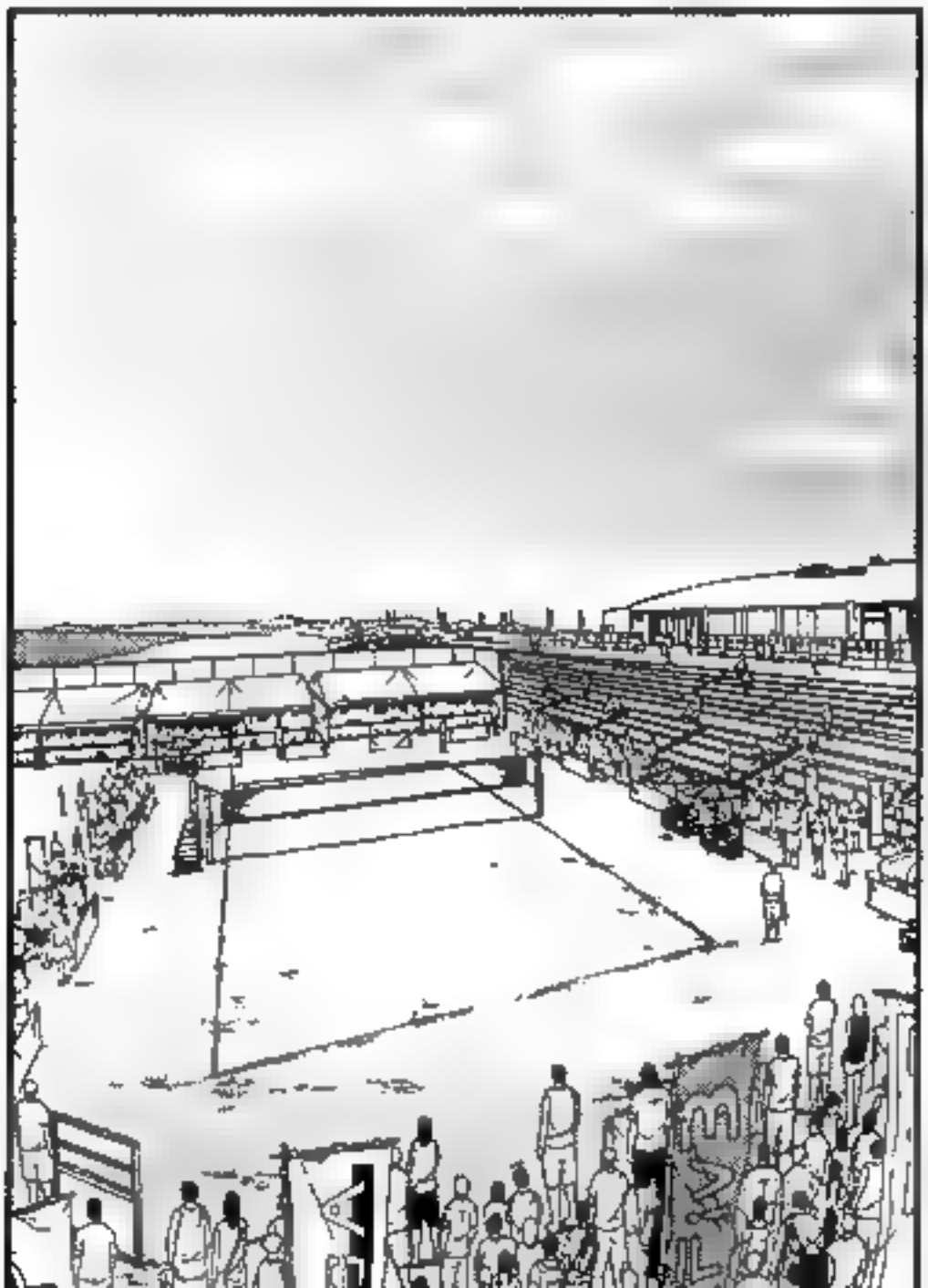
AS YOU KNOW, IT'S YOUR LAST YEAR: IT'S YOUR LAST SUMMER AS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.WHATEVER HAPPENS, PLAY THE MATCH SO YOU DON'T HAVE ANY REGRETS!!

I HOPE SO.

I AM WHOLE-HEARTEDLY WITH YOU, KURACHI!

IT'S MY LAST SUMMER AS A STUDENT...

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN LOSE.



OH GOD! WHAT'S WITH ALL THESE PEOPLE!?

WAIT A MINUTE! THEY'RE ALL HERE TO CHEER FOR YAMAGAMI!?

AND?! WHEN IT COMES TO FANS, IT'S NOT THE QUANTITY THAT MATTERS, IT'S THE WILL!!

I WAS SURE! MY INSTINCTS NEVER BETRAY ME!

ALL THESE GIRLS REALLY SECRETLY REGIS-TERED TO THIS TOURNA-MENT!

WHAT A PHENOM-ENAL SCOOP!!

Yuina, Nagisa, Kanae
The triplets of Higasaki High School's Newspaper

NO WAY!

AND WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE LOTS OF PICTURES OF THESE FINALS TO MAKE THE BEST SCOOP EVER!!

AAAH! IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE BEEN CALLED BOSS...

YOU WERE RIGHT, BOSS! IT'S THE BIGGEST TOPIC OUR NEWSPAPER EVER WROTE ON!!

That's it! The finals, opposing Team B from Higasaki to Team A from Yamagami, will start soon!

LET'S GO!

Which players will shine by their talent and become the next beach stars!?

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CHAPTER 44

START OF THE FINAL

The Beach Start

...where seventy-two players competed in order to win a ticket for the Madonna Cup.

This ultimate battle ends a day of intensive matches....

Only one team can win this ticket! Who between Higasaki and Yamagami will make it?

We shall know the answer very very soon, ladies and gentlemen.

CHAPTER 44
START OF THE FINAL

The Beach Stars

COME AND GET SOME, IF YOU'VE GOT THE GUTS!!

LET'S GO, YAGAMI!!

BAR☆STREET

WELL SAID, HIGASAKI !!

DO NOT FALTER!

THIS BITCH IS STILL SHOWING OFF!

TCHE!

WHY DON'T WE SHOW HER WHY YOU DON'T TEACH YOUR GRANDMOTHER TO SUCK EGGS?*

*TRANSLATORS NOTE: TO GIVE ADVICE TO SOMEONE ABOUT A SUBJECT THAT THEY ALREADY KNOW MORE ABOUT THAN YOU.

Indeed, unlike the other matches, this one will be played in 3 sets.

Note that the rules will change a bit for the final.

The first team to win two sets will be the winner.

The first two sets will be of 21 points and the last one of 15 points.

DAMN! I M STRESSED OUT JUST BY WATCHING

...Iruka Nanase and Kotomi Ishihara from Higasaki.

Kotomi Ishihara

On one side, we have the outsiders who were able to climb up to the final on their first participation...

Iruka Nanase

...from Yamagami High School, Machiko Kurachi and Shizuku Amano.

Shizuku Amano

And on the other side, the favourites, with two consecutive victories in the last tourna-ments...

Machiko Kurachi

...ACCOMPANIED BY THE EQUALLY TALENTED NOVICE COMMENTATOR FROM KANAGAWA OHAYO TV, HIROKO TOMOHARA, ALSO CALLED PRALINE!

AND TO START THIS EXCEPTIONAL MATCH, THE ONE AND ONLY, THE GREAT, THE UNIQUE SPECIALIST OF BEACH VOLLEYBALL: DJ YAMAMOTO!

The match starts with Higasaki to serve!

Higasaki (B) 0 — 0 Yamagami (A)

IRUKA, WE GO ALL OUT!

IT'SSS...

...STARTING!!

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Accurate and stable serve from Nanase...

...which Yamagami receive without any trouble!!

PFFF!

MACHIKO, LET'S PLAY IT SAFE...

WE SHOULDN'T WASTE OUR TIME HERE! I NEVER PLAY IT SAFE!!

WILL THEY TRY THE SPIKE!?

FIRST OFFENSIVE OCCASION FOR YAMAGAMI!!

I'M EAGERLY WAITING FOR IT!!

IRUKA! LET THE BALL COME AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE BEFORE PLAYING IT!

IT'S CHILD'S PLAY!

WHAAAT!? THEY AREN'T JUMPING TO COUNTER THE SPIKE?

...TO STOP MY SPIKE WITHOUT COUN-TERING FIRST!?

MOWA-HAHA! HOW CAN YOU HOPE...

YESSS!!

Nanase reacted with incredible speed!!

She... She sent it back!!

IT'S TOO LATE TO COUNTER, LET'S FALL BACK.

DAMN! DID THEY ANTICIPATE THE TRAJECTORY OF THE BALL!?!

OOOOOH!!

GOOD JOB, IRUKA!!

THAT WAS YOURS!!

...WHAT'S MORE, SHE SENT BACK THE BALL WITH THE SAME VIOLENCE!!

IN... INCREDIBLE!! NOT ONLY DID SHE RECEIVE KURACHI'S SUPER SPIKE...

SHUT UP! YOU ARE THE ONE WHO IS CONFUSED!

DON'T CONFUSE SPEED WITH ACCURACY...

MOUAHAHA! THEY PISSED ME OFF!!

WATCH CLOSELY, YOU INSECTS! THAT'S A REAL SPIKE!

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HAWAI

GNNN...

BY JUMPING HIGHER THAN ME!?

SHE BLOCKED THE BALL!?

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!

KYUUUN!!

However, with Higasaki managing an excellent counter, from what we've seen so far, we can expect an intense match!!

The ball fell outside the field, which gives the first point to Yamagami!!

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Higasaki (B) 0 — 1 Yamagami (A)

CHAPTER 45
SHOWDOWN
The Beach Stars

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Haa...

From the get-go, we know that this match will be a close one!!

Higasaki (B) 0 — 1 Yamagami (A)

Wh... What an exciting start!!

DON'T WORRY! THEY WON'T LOSE THIS EASILY!

DAMN! IT WAS SO CLOSE!!

YEAH! THEY'LL GET IT GOOD NEXT TIME!

TOO BAD!

BASTARD!!

Yamagami to serve!

...AS THESE AMA-TEURS!

I WON'T LET YOU INSULT ME BY PUTTING ME ON THE SAME LEVEL...

LAST TIME, YOU GOT LUCKY, BUT IT WON'T BE THE SAME THIS TIME!!

IKUKA!

SHE GOT IT!!

GOOD!

Good reception from Higasaki, followed up with an attack!!

GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT!!

GO, IRUKAA!!

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OH! PLEASE, DON'T LET IT PASS!

COUNTER HER, KURACHI!!

IF YOU THINK I'LL LET YOU DO AS YOU PLEASE, YOU'RE WRONG!

HERE WE GOOOO!!

THIS TIME, IT WILL PASS!!

...SINCE YOUR PARTNER IS UNABLE TO JUMP!

I KNOW THAT YOU'LL HAVE TO JUMP EVERY TIME...

GO AHEAD! BUT WITH ME BLOCKING, YOU WON'T DO ANYTHING!!

WAIT, MACH-IKO!!

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DAMN... SHE DID IT!!

She used her Hunting Pokey!!

THE BALL IS GOOD!!

It's in...

Her biggy shot... My bad! Her Hunting Pokey had a devastating effect!!

Iruka Nanase just scored the first point for her team!!

Higasaki (B) 1 — 1 Yamagami (A)

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EXCEL-LEEEEE-EENT...

TO HAND OVER THE VICTORY TO YAMAGAMI, THE DEFENDING CHAMPIONS!!

HIGA-SAKI'S TEAM DOESN'T SEEM WILLING...

BOTH OF YOU ARE DEAD!

ENOUGH FOOLING AROUND! FROM NOW ON, LET'S PLAY SERIOUSLY!

SHE GOT US PRETTY GOOD...

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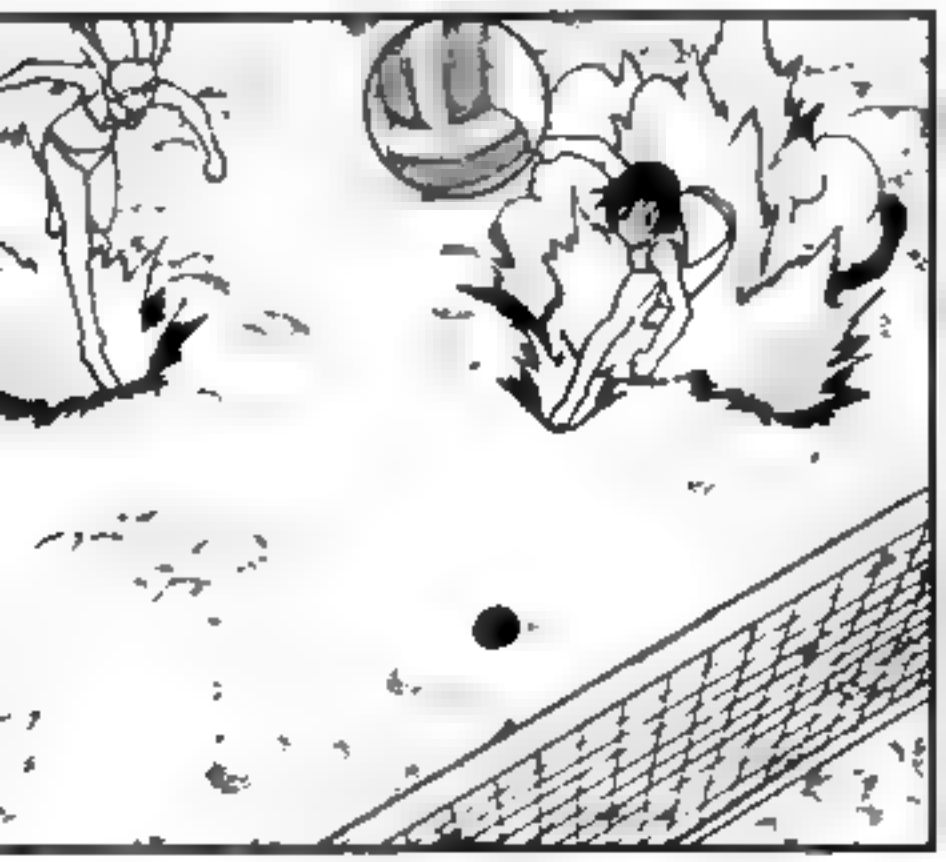
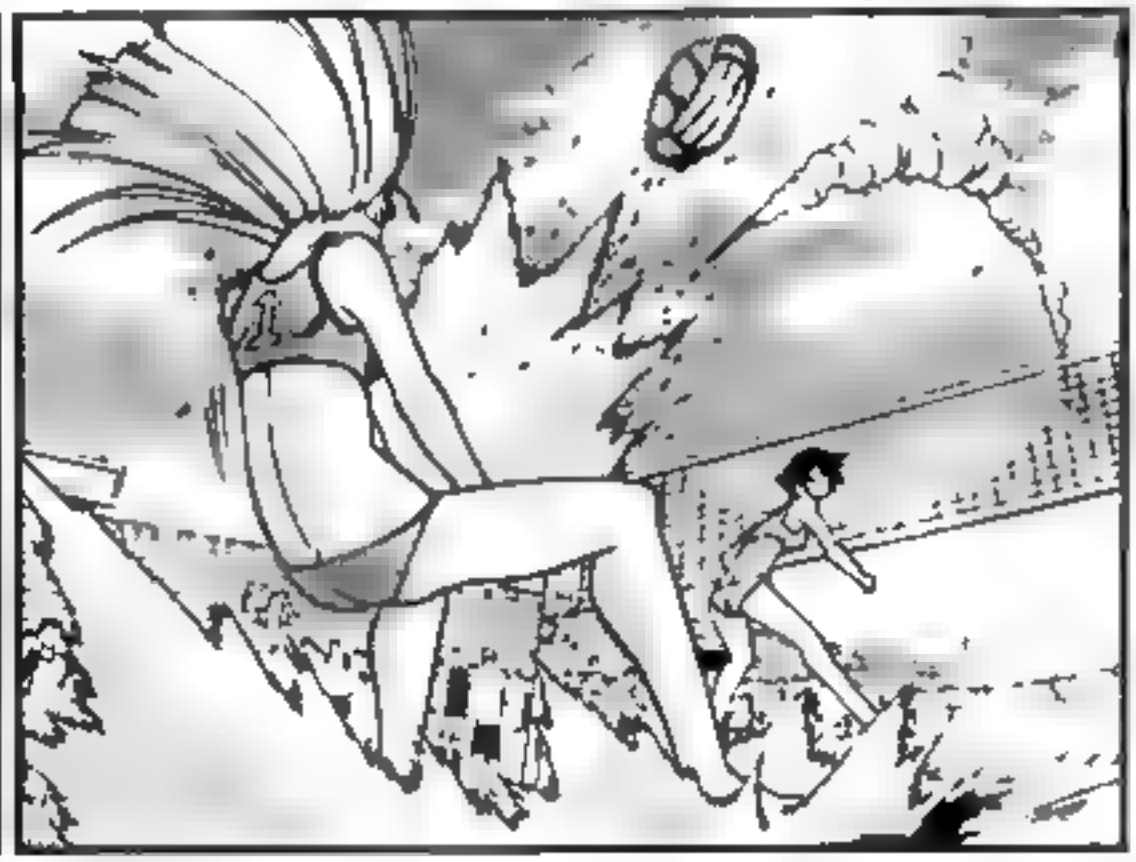
The next serve goes to Ishihara from Higasaki.

HER TECH-NIQUE IS PRETTY POWER-FUL...
WOW! IMPRES-SIVE!





LET'S GO...

DON'T WORRY! I CAN STILL GET THERE IN TIME TO BLOCK THE BALL!
BE CAREFUL! THEY'RE GETTING IN ATTACKING POSITIONS FASTER THAN USUAL!

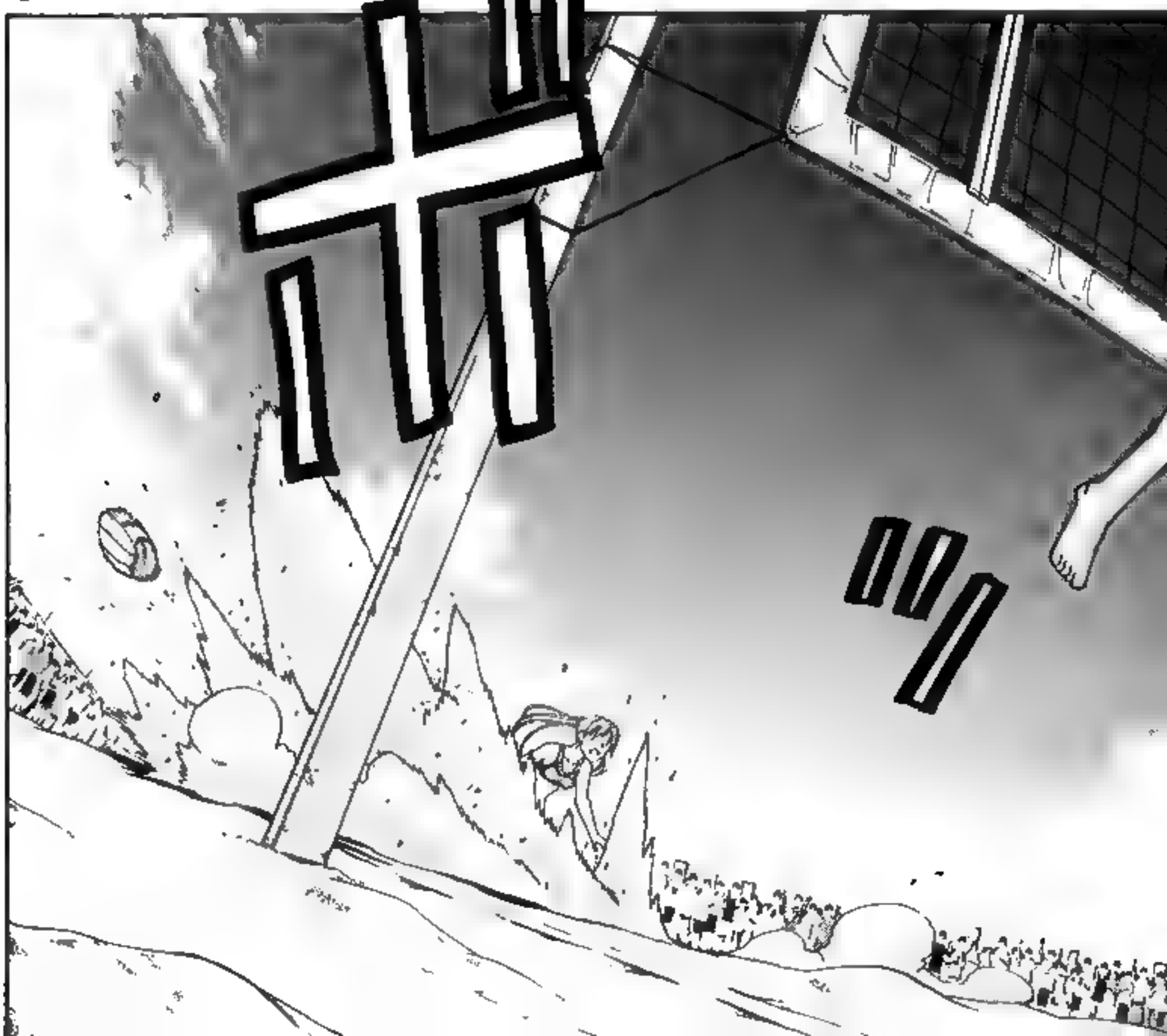
Who'll win?!

For the second consecutive time, attack and defence clash in front of the net!!

YOU SHALL NOT PASS!!

GO, IKUKA!!

GOOD! SHE'S RIGHT ON TIME!



BE CARE-FUL!!

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The ball fell right on the line!

Higasaki (B) 1 — 2 Yamagami (A)

Excellent Spike from Yamagami!!

DAMN... THAT'S...

...HER SPIKE WAS AMAZING...

FINALLY, SHE DID IT...

THAT'S THE CROSS SPIKE!?

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CHAPTER 46
THE BREAKING CROSS SPIKE

The Beach Stars

THAT'S ...

...THE CROSS SPIKE?!

THE BALL WENT STRAIGHT TO THE CORNER...

EH... YEAH...

DAMN! DID YOU SEE THAT?

...with this amazing Cross Spike!!

Second point for Yamagami's players, who are showing us why they are the champions...

Higasaki (B) 1 — 2 Yamagami (A)

WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

I'LL EXPLAIN TO ALL OF YOU WHAT IT IS!

OKAY! OKAY!

A CROSS SPIKE?

By doing that, the ball is generally sent toward the right of the receiver, making it easy for a counter attack due to the limited zone where the ball could go...

Normally, a spike is sent toward the baseline while ignoring the blocker.

...this means that the receiver has to cross the entire court to get to the point of fall of the ball!

The Cross Spike, however, isn't sent toward the baseline, but close to the net...

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THE MORE YOU RUN ON THE COURT, THE MORE YOU'RE PRONE TO MAKE MISTAKES.
IT'S A TECHNIQUE THAT CAUSES NIGHTMARES TO THE RECEIVER.
EVEN THOUGH IT'S REALLY EASY TO HIT SIDEWAYS ...

And Amano is doing it.

It's now Yama-gami's serve...

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...who receives it easily!

The ball is going straight to Ishihara ...

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GO! DON'T HESITATE!!

GREAT! NOW, WE MUST COUNTER ATTACK!

They mustn't miss it!!

It's a good chance for Higasaki!

WHAT THE HELL!?

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Oh... What a shame!

Ishihara just sent the ball back without taking the chance to attack!!

WEIRD... IS IT HER WEAK POINT?

WHAT THE HELL DID SHE DO?! SHE SHOULD HAVE SPIKED IT! RIGHT?

MOUHAHAHA!

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MA-CHIKO !!

I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT A REAL SPIKE IS!!

A new opportunity for Yamagami to score!!

OH
NOOO!

...thanks to Kurachi's Cross Spike!!

And here we go! Yamagami continues to add to their lead...

IT WENT THROUGH!!

Higasaki (B) 1 — 3 Yamagami (A)

...YOU MUST TOUCH IT DEAD ON!

ONLY TOUCHING THE SIDE OF THE BALL ISN'T ENOUGH TO STOP IT ...

DAMN!

EVEN THOUGH SHE REACHED THE BALL !!

THEY MUST FIND OUT INSTANTLY IF IT'S A CROSS SPIKE OR A NORMAL SPIKE...

BUT IT'S NOT THE ONLY PROBLEM THAT THE DEFENDERS HAVE...

I'd say only around ten high school girls in Japan know how to control it!!

Moreover, among all the teenagers who play beach volleyball, both here and abroad, few active players know how to control it.

The Cross Spike is a high level technique.

The ball is back to Amano for a serve.

EXACTLY. IT'S ALMOST AS IF SHE WAS TARGETING HER..

AND ONCE AGAIN, SHE LAUNCHES IT TO-WARDS KOTAMI!

OF COU-RSE!

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AND IF THEY WANT TO SPIKE, KOTOMI WILL HAVE TO DO IT!

IF KOTOMI RECEIVES THE SERVE, THE SECOND TOUCH WILL BE MADE BY IRUKA!

WHAT!?

SO IN THE END, IT'S A TECHNIQUE TO SEAL IRUKA'S SPIKE!!

HAHAHAHA! SINCE THIS BITCH CAN'T JUMP NEXT TO THE NET, SHE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO SPIKE!

...WE'RE SURE TO WI...

SINCE WE ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN ATTACK ...

PILOT

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SHIT! I MISSED!

HOW COULD SHE SPIKE SUCH A BALL!?

WOOOOW! WHAT WAS THAT!?

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ALL RIGHT!

...ESPECIALLY FROM THAT POSITION AND ON A SECOND TOUCH!!

I'LL ADMIT THAT HER SHOT WAS IMPRESSIVE...

SHE GOT LUCKY...

TCHE!! NEVER-MIND...

Nanase spared no efforts!!

What a shame!!

...A PREPARED SPIKE AND PERFECTLY DONE!!

YOU'LL SEE WHAT I'M MADE OF...

CROSS SPIKE!!!

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SOME-ONE WAKE ME UP ...

Well! The Cross Spike doesn't have any dead angle!!

Threee!!

Higasaki (B) 1 — 4 Yamagami (A)

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CHAPTER 47
NO SOLUTION

The Beach Stars

DAMN IT! I CAN'T LET HER KEEP ON SCORING!!

HAHAHA! NOBODY CAN STOP ME!!

NOT THIS TIME!!

A CROSS SPIKE YET AGAIN!!!

NO! I MISSED IT AGAIN!!

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...and gives a sixth point to her team!!

Kurachi continues with her unstoppable technique ...

Higasaki (B) 1 — 6 Yamagami (A)

THAT'S NOT GOOD! YAMAGAMI IS TOTALLY DOMINATING THE MATCH!

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EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW SHE'LL USE THE CROSS SPIKE, THERE'S NO WAY OF BLOCKING IT!!

DAMN IT, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

HERE, THE GROUND'S INERTIA DOESN'T ALLOW YOU TO JUMP LIKE YOU WANT.

Force

Repulsive Force

SAND AND CONCRETE ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS...

IN THE QUALIFICATIONS THIS TECHNIQUE IS ALMOST UNSTOPPABLE

SHE WAS ABLE TO SCORE FIVE STRAIGHT POINTS THANKS TO THE CROSS SPIKE..

...BY SPINNING YOURSELF INTO THE AIR AND PLACING YOURSELF IN AN OPTIMAL POSITION.

WHAT'S MORE, TO USE THE CROSS SPIKE, YOU NEED TO HIT THE BALL ON THE SIDELINES...

IT IS THEREFORE VITAL TO POSSESS JUMPING POWER SUFFICIENT TO ENSURE A STABLE POSITION.

ESSENTIALLY, THIS TECHNIQUE IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE BY A PERSON WHO DOESN'T HAVE MUSCULAR LEGS AS STURDY AS KURACHI'S.

BECAUSE I WAS PREPARED TO FACE THEM... AND BECAUSE THERE'S A 20CM DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ME AND NANASE.

CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, IZUMI... BUT YOU BLOCKED MANY OF THOSE LAST YEAR, RIGHT?

Nanase yet again spikes directly after Ishihara's reception!!

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On the other hand, Yamagami don't make any unnecessary moves. We recognize here their great control of the ball!

Ouch!! Missed!! Even with desperate shots, Higasaki can't score!

I TOLD YOU I'D KILL YOUR DREAM ...

WHAT'S WRONG, ISHIHARA?!

!!OOOOO!!

...YOU DON'T HAVE IT IN YOU!!

Did Higasaki's team reach its limit?!

Kurachi uses the Cross Spike again!!

Higasaki (B) 1 — 7 Yamagami (A)

MOUAHAHAHA!

I'M SICK OF IT.. I CAN'T EVEN TOUCH THIS GODDAMN BALL.

KOTOMI!

THAT'LL TEACH YOU!!

YOU ONLY GOT WHAT YOU DESERVED!

I♡MY HOOD

DRUPA

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DAMN IT. NOBUO! YOU WERE A MEMBER OF A VOLLEYBALL CLUB, RIGHT?

DON'T YOU KNOW ANY WAY OF COUNTERING THIS CROSS-THINGY!?

WE'RE IN DEEP SHIT! WE MUST DO SOMETHING ...

IF NOT, WE'LL NEVER CATCH UP!

WOW... CALM DOWN

HOWEVER, BEACH VOLLEYBALL IS PLAYED WITH ONLY TWO PLAYERS AND THE TECHNIQUE I KNOW WON'T WORK.

...WHEN YOU PLAY IN A SIX-MAN TEAM, YOU CAN COUNTER THE BALL EASILY AND THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE TO RECEIVE IT AND SEND IT BACK.

LISTEN, VOLLEYBALL AND BEACH VOLLEYBALL ARE DIFFERENT ...

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DAMN, FUCKING BULLSHIT! I CAN'T STAY HERE AND DO NOTHING! THERE MUST BE SOMETHING THAT CAN BE DONE!?

I'M ALWAYS LATE ON THE BALL.

TOO BAD, I'M TAKING THE RISK OF GOING CLOSER TO THE NET SOONER!

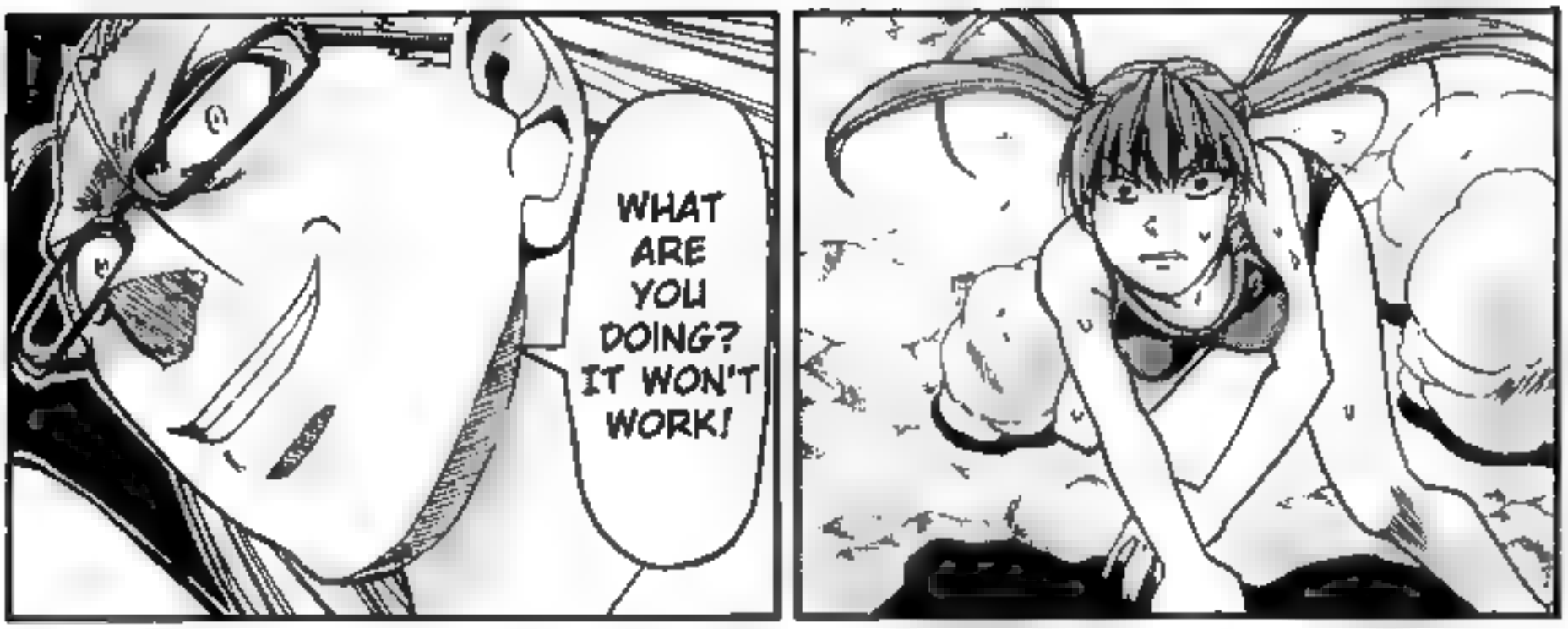
Higasaki doesn't want to give any point to Yamagami, who now have nine!!

Higasaki (B) 1 — 9 Yamagami (A)

OOOOH!!

WHY WON'T YOU GIVE UP...?

I... I MUST ABSOLUTELY FIND A WAY TO COUNTER!!


WHAT ARE YOU DOING? IT WON'T WORK!

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SHIT!

WOOOO!!

Yamagami gains a tenth point!!

And she scooooores!! The gap widens again thanks to this spike from Kurachi!!

Everything seems lost now for Higasaki...

Higasaki (B) 1 —10 Yamagami (A)

THERE'S NO SOLUTION...

OKAY! I HAVE OTHER THINGS TO DO, SO LET'S FINISH THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
IT WAS WAY EASIER THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE ...
TIMEOUT!!

17

WHAT !?

HIGASAKI'S TEAM ASKS FOR A TIMEOUT!!

WHAT!? BUT... WHO ARE YOU!?

HONDA-SENSEI!?

I'M THE TEACHER IN CHARGE OF THEIR CLUB!!

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Oooh... That's surprising! The teacher of Higasaki's team has just brutally jumped on the court!

CHAPTER 48
TIMEOUT!

The Beach Stars

OOOOH... What a surprise! The teacher in charge of Higasaki's club suddenly came out of the crowd and asked the referee for a timeout!

EH? HUMVEE ?

.....

COME BACK, MORON! IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY !!

WHAT THE HELL IS HE DOING? HE'S CRAZY!

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT?!

REALLY ?!

THE RULES ARE CLEAR, SIR. ONLY PLAYERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK FOR A TIMEOUT!

OKAY, THAT'S ENOUGH! GET OFF THE COURT OR I'LL BE FORCED TO DISQUALIFY YOUR TEAM!

TIMEOUT!!

...ASKS FOR A TIMEOUT, PLEASE!

TEAM HIGASAKI ...

Hohooo! Higasaki just asked for a timeout!

MUCHIKU! BRING THEM WATER! QUICKLY!!

YOU'RE DOING GREAT, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

...One during the first two sets and the other during the third set. The timeouts last 30 seconds and can't be used while the ball is in play.

During this small break, I'll explain what's happening! During a match, each team can use two timeouts...

I'M SURPRISED THEIR TEACHER ASKED FOR A TIMEOUT...

Another kind of timeout exists, the technical timeout, which happens when the sum total of both team scores equals 21.

These two kinds of timeout allow the players to catch their breath and, at the same time, build an offensive strategy.

EVEN HE DOESN'T KNOW SQUAT ABOUT BEACH VOLLEY-BALL!

HAHA! IT SMELLS OF AN AMATEUR TEAM THAT WAS PUT TOGETHER AT THE LAST MINUTE!

BUT IT WOULD BE BAD TO OVEREXERT OURSELVES MORE THAN NECESSARY JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE HOLDING ON!

10 TO 1... VICTORY IS ALMOST OURS ALREADY!

THANKS COACH.

YOU GIRLS ARE PERFECT!

THAT'S WHAT I HAD IN MIND!

THERE'S ALMOST NO WIND, KURACHI, SO GO AHEAD! DON'T HOLD BACK, HIT THE BALL WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, IT WON'T GO OUT...

STOP YELLING, MORON! WE ARE ALL THINKING OF A WAY TO COUNTER IT!!

BY JINGO! HOW CAN WE STOP THE CROSS SPIKE!?

HMM... LISTEN UP... GIRLS...

IN FACT... HMM...

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK...

...
OKAY
....

THEY'RE GIVING IT ALL THEY'VE GOT AND WHEN THEY NEED YOUR SUPPORT, YOU CAN'T FIND ANYTHING BETTER TO SAY THAN "KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK"?!
THAT'S ALL YOU COULD COME UP WITH?! IDIOT!

SORRY FOR NOT BEING UP TO THE TASK...
BUT I KNEW IT FROM THE START, THAT I'M A GOOD-FOR-NOTHING...

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THAT'S ENOUGH! I MUST DO SOME-THING!!

MOVE, FOOLS!!

GET OUT OF THE WAY!

NANASE! ISHI-HARA!!

HII

WOW!

OI OI OLD MAN! DON'T TOUCH ME!

OH!

FUJII-SENSEI!!

FUJII ...

WHO'S THAT OLD FART?!

A SENILE OLD FOOL WHO'S A TEACHER AT OUR SCHOOL!

!?

WHAT THE HELL IS HE DOING HERE?!

ORIGIN-ALLY, HE WAS THE TEACHER IN CHARGE OF THE TRADITIONAL VOLLEYBALL CLUB...

UNTIL IT WAS CLOSED.

YOU THINK HE'S HERE TO GIVE US SHIT?!

I DON'T THINK HE'S HERE TO HELP US...

FU... FUJII-SENSEI ...

inhale

HELP ME...

!

SENSEL.. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ANYMORE...

IDIOOOOOTS!!

AND DON'T LOOK AT ME WITH THOSE BEATEN PUPPY EYES!

BOTH OF YOU ARE REALLY PITIFUL!!

WHAT?
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME, SO I'LL BE SHORT...

AND WHAT AM I SEEING? YOU'RE GIVING UP WHEN THE FIRST PROBLEM ARISES!!
I THOUGHT THAT YOU GAVE UP VOLLEYBALL TO FOCUS SOLELY ON BEACH VOLLEYBALL?

AN ATTACK THAT ANNOYS YOU WILL ANNOY YOUR OPPONENT TOO!
ISHIHARA! IF YOU CAN ONLY RECEIVE THE BALL, USE THAT FACT TO PLACE ACCURATE ATTACKS!

NANASE! FIRST, DON'T TRY TO JUMP ON EACH BALL.
DEFENCE ISN'T ALL. YOU MUST THINK OF SCORING!

ROGER!

THAT'S HOW YOU RECOGNIZE A REAL TEACHER IN CHARGE!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IN A MATTER OF SECONDS, HE WAS ABLE TO REIGNITE THE FLAMES IN THEIR EYES .

SORRY THAT I COULDN'T BE PART OF THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OF VOLLEYBALL, SIR...

BUT WE'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU BY GOING TO THE BEACH VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL CHAMPION-SHIP!!

THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO HEAR! BUT IF YOU HAVE THE STRENGTH TO BRAG, YOU ALSO HAVE THE STRENGTH TO HIT THE BALL!

SO GO OUT THERE AND SHOW US WHAT YOU'VE GOT!

YEEESSS!!

In a few moments, we'll know if Higasaki's able to come back on the score sheet!

Good! The timeout is now over, ladies and gentlemen. The match will be resumed.

Higasaki (B) 1 — 10 Yamagami (A)

...BUT YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR!!

LISTEN TO ME: THEY MIGHT HAVE TRAINED LIKE MAD MEN...

I MADE YOU SUFFER SO MUCH DURING OUR TIME TOGETHER THAT THEIR PREPARATION IS LIKE VACATION COMPARED TO OURS!

CHAPTER 49
MY OWN WAY OF FIGHTING

The Beach Stars

GOOD!

KOTOMI, WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!

GO, IRUKA!

LET'S GO BACK!

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In a few moments, we'll know if Higasaki's able to make a comeback!

Good! The timeout is over, ladies and gentlemen. The match will resume.

Higasaki (B)	1 — 10	Yamagami (A)

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Yama-
gami's
serving.

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Amano chose to play it safe with her serve...

Ishihara receives the ball easily and passes it to her partner!!

THEY DON'T WANT IRUKA TO GET THE THIRD TOUCH!!

OH NO! THEY KEEP AIMING AT KOTOMI!!

NYARK!

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO, KOTOMI?!

AND WHATEVER YOU MIGHT TRY, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT!!

HAHAHA! AS LONG AS YOU KEEP RECEIVING THE BALL ISHIHARA, CHIBI WON'T BE ABLE TO SMASH!!

I HAVE AN IDEA!

PASS ME THE BALL ...

ROGER!!

WHAT!?

YES, THAT'S THE WAY...

AN ATTACK THAT ANNOYS YOU WILL ANNOY YOUR OPPONENT TOO!

IF YOU CAN ONLY RECEIVE THE BALL, USE THAT FACT TO PLACE ACCURATE ATTACKS!

ME TOO, I HAVE MY OWN WAY OF FIGHTING!

THAT'S RIGHT...

...AT ONE PLACE!!

?

AND TO ACHIEVE IT, I CAN ONLY AIM...

SIGE-O
PILOT
PILOT

9

Good thinking Ishihara! The ball is going toward the baseline!
AIYAAN0!!

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DAMMIT! THERE'S NO WAY I CAN CROSS SPIKE WITH A CRAPPY PASS LIKE THIS!

.....!!

...and it's received by Amano with difficulty!!

SHE DID IT ON PURPOSE !!

THAT... THAT BITCH...

10

...THIS MEANS THAT AMANO WILL HAVE TO DO THE THIRD TOUCH, AT THE SAME TIME SEALING KURACHI'S CROSS SPIKE.

BASICALLY, THEY'RE USING THEIR OWN TECHNIQUE AGAINST THEM!

KEEP ON TALKING! I DON'T UNDER-STAND SHIT!!

GOOD LORD, IT WAS OBVI-OUS!!

SHE'S AIMING AT AMANO, THE SECOND TOUCH WILL OBVIOUSLY GO TO KURACHI ...

ISHIHARA IS REALLY GOOD. SHE'S ABLE TO ACCURATELY SEND THE BALL WHEREVER SHE WANTS, WITHOUT TOUCHING THE BASELINE ...

...THE PLAYER MUST ALWAYS RECEIVE A PERFECT PASS NEXT TO THE NET.

TO BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE CROSS SPIKE...

Woow!! It's a perfect reception from Nanase!!

Amano's going to the net to spike and...

...they'll crush any chance Kurachi might have to use the Cross Spike!

Yes! As long as they keep aiming at Ishihara on their serve...

DO IT, IRUKA! IT'S NOW OR NEVER!!

HALLELUJAH!! WE FINALLY HAVE A CHANCE OF SCORING!!

BANZAI!!!

Ishihara passes the ball next to the net ...

DON'T COUNT ON IT!!

Ba... barely! Kurachi barely blocked it!!

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MUCHIKO!!

YOU FUCKING BITCHES, I'LL CRUSH YOU!!

GIVE UP, HIGA-SAKIII!!

ALL YOUR EFFORTS IN DEFENSE WILL HAVE BEEN FOR NOTHING!

MOUAHA-HAHA! I CAN FINALLY SPIKE!

Kurachi's preparing her revenge and is about to attack!

HERE IT IS, THE CROSS SPIKE!!

DEFENSE ISN'T EVERY-THING, YOU MUST SCORE TOO!

...I MUST SCORE TOO!

HE'S RIGHT! I FOCUS ONLY ON DEFENSE... CAN'T...

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I MUST REACH IT!!

I MUST REACH IT...

I REA-CHED IT!!

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MOON

...IS DIFFERENT, AS IF IT... HAS EVOLVED.

IT FEELS AS IF HER COUNTER ...

To everyone's surprise, Nanase has just achieved a feat that nobody else has managed in this competition!

She... she countered the Cross Spike!!

Higasaki (B) 2 — 10 Yamagami (A)

CHAPTER 50

LET'S KEEP GOING LIKE THIS!

The Beach Stars

HIGASAKI IS THE FIRST TEAM TO SUCCESSFULLY COUNTER THE CROSS SPIKE!!

SHE... SHE DID IT!!

HIGASAKI B 2—10 YAMAGAMI A

AND WHAT'S MORE, BY A MIDGET!!

MY CROSS SPIKE WAS COUNTERED ...

MACHI-KO?

EVEN THOUGH IT WAS A FLUKE, SHE JUST PUBLICLY HU-MILIATED ME DURING THE MADONNA CUP'S SELECTION ROUND!!

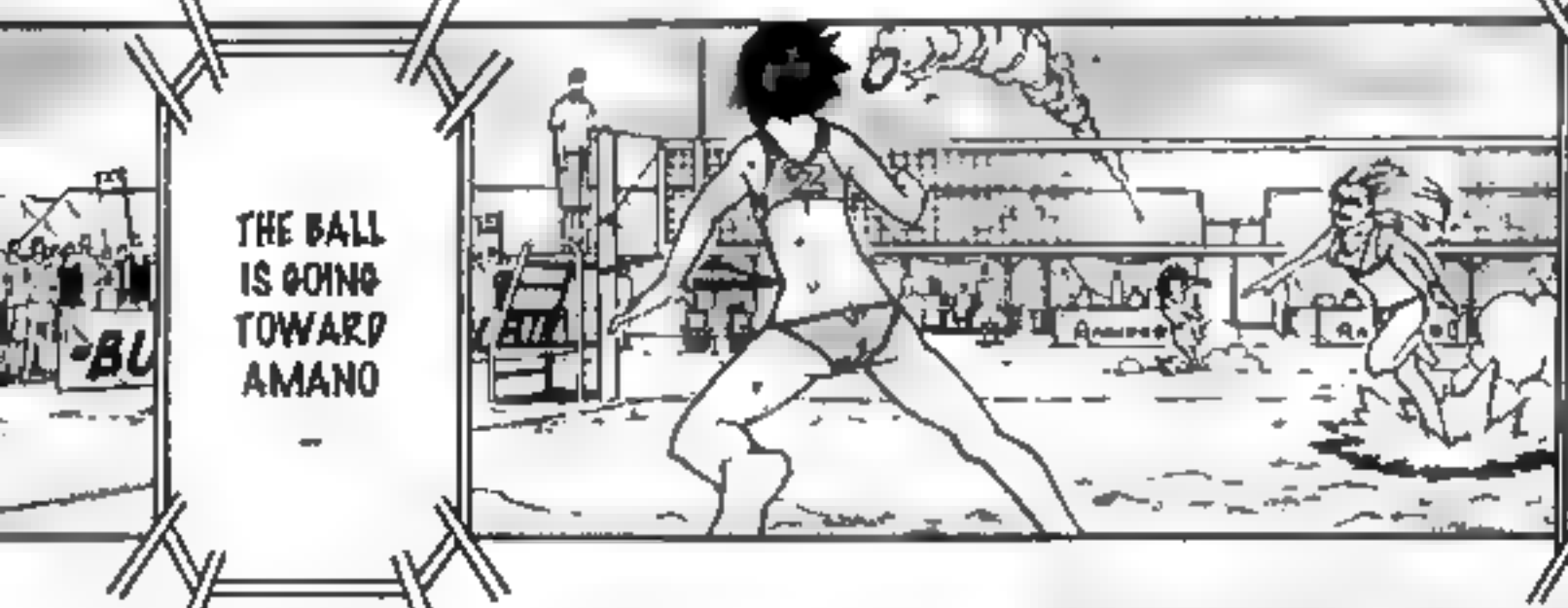
THAT BITCH!

IT'S POSSIBLE TO STOP THE CROSS SPIKE!

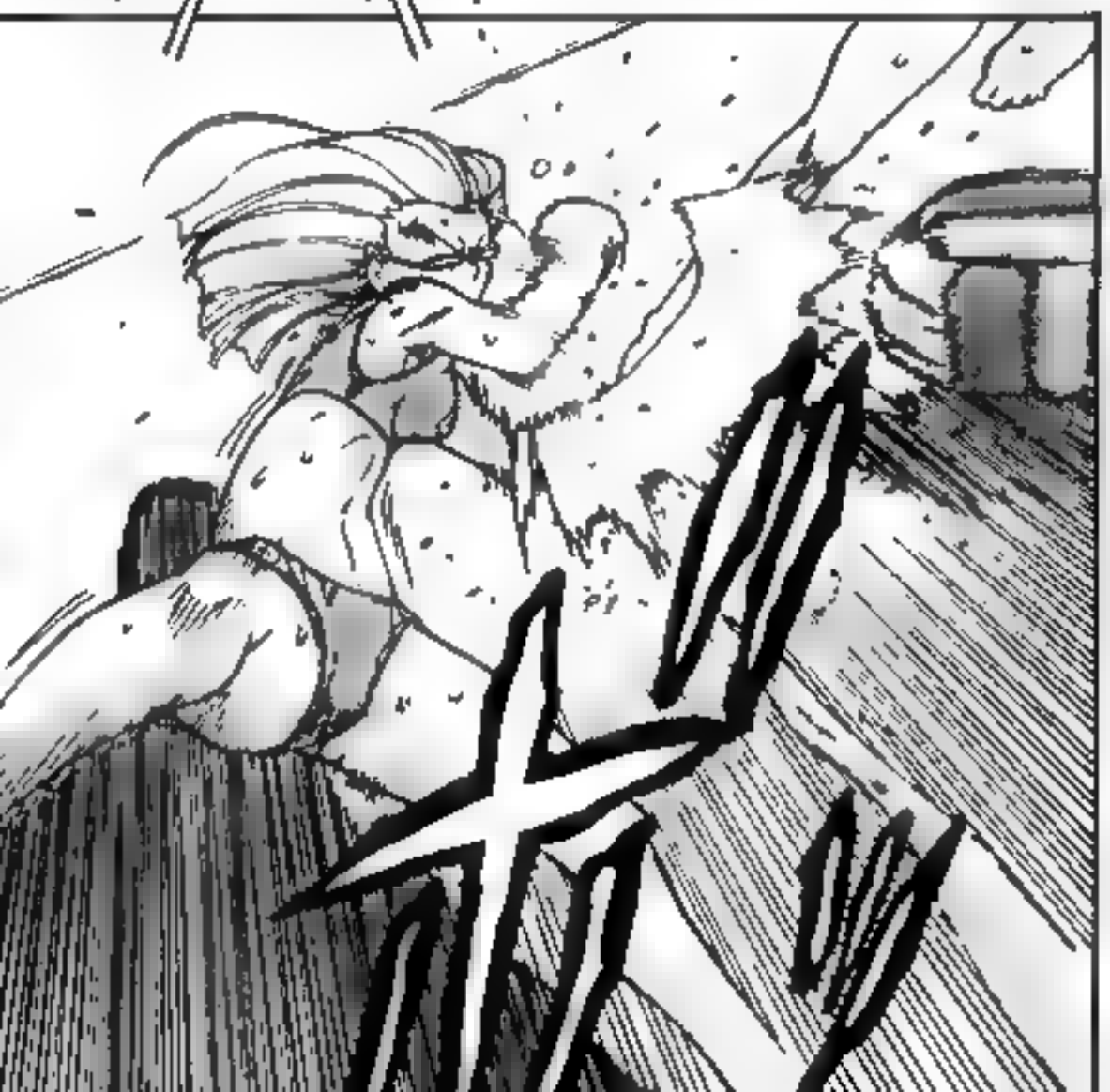
SO IT CAN BE DONE...

WITH THIS POINT, THE SERVING SIDE CHANGES TO HIGASAKI.

IT'S NANASE'S TURN TO SERVE.


THE BALL IS GOING TOWARD AMANO -

SHE WASTES NO TIME AND IS BACK ON THE COURT AS SOON AS HER SERVE GOES OVER THE NET!



MOVE! IT'S MINE!!

AMANO!!

OH DAMN! KURACHI TOTALLY INSISTED TO GET THAT BALL!

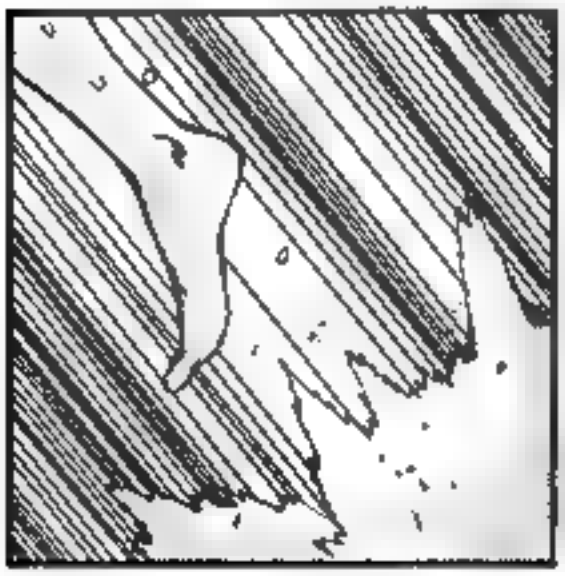
DAMN! SHE'LL USE THE CROSS SPIKE AGAIN!!

AMANO UNDERSTOOD RIGHT AWAY AND REACTED INSTANTLY. THEY ARE DEFINITELY PARTNERS!!

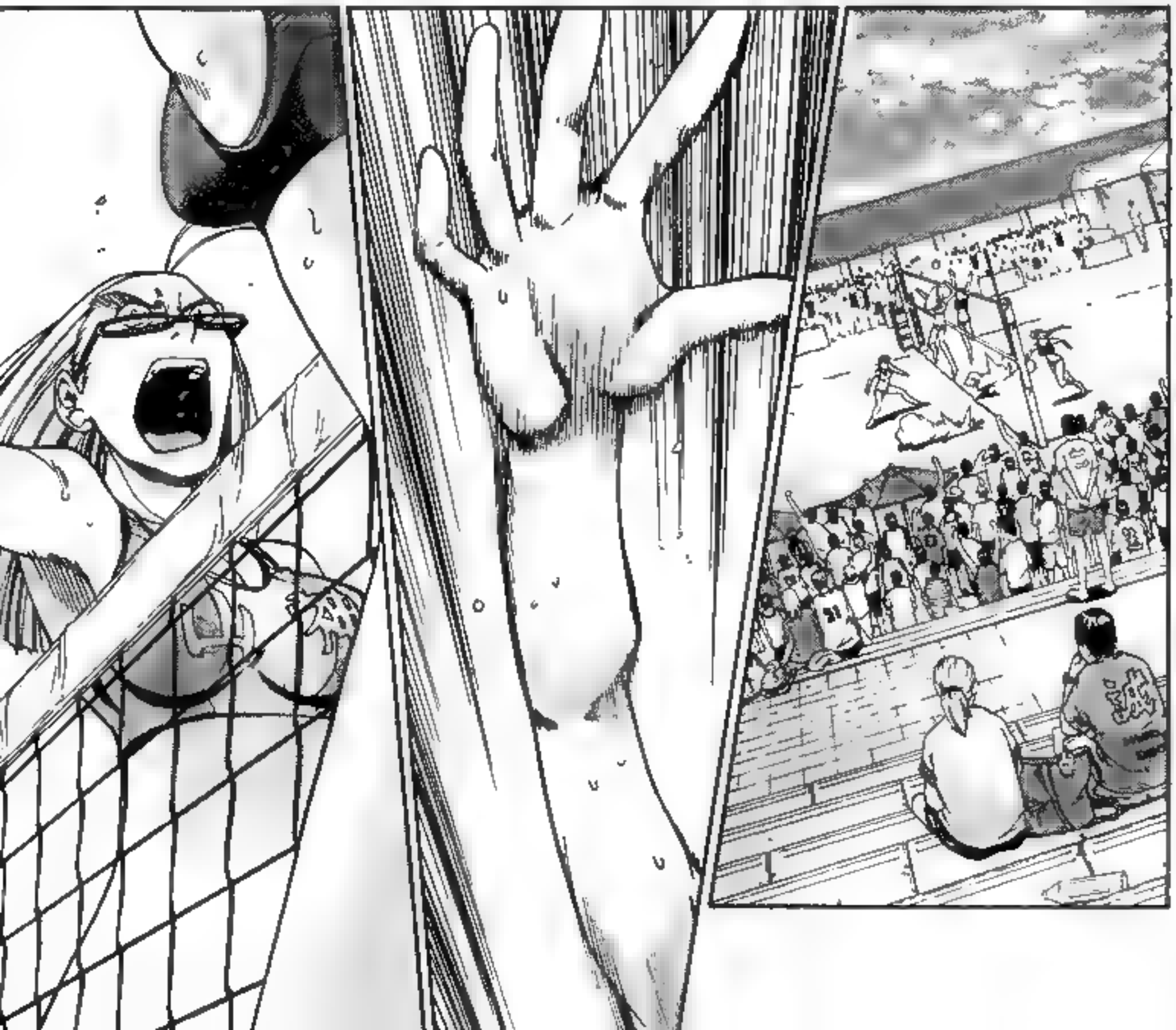
A MIRACLE WON'T HAPPEN TWICE!!

"DEFENCE ISN'T ALL ..."

IRUKA!



NOBODY IN KANAGAWA IS ABLE TO BLOCK MY SPIKE!! YOU HEAR ME? NOBODY!!
"YOU MUST SCORE TOO!"



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OH!

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OOOOH!

SHE WAS ABLE TO COUNTER IT!!

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GREAT! GREAT! HIGASAKI JUST SCORED THEIR THIRD POINT! THE TIDE IS SLOWLY TURNING AROUND!!
YEEESSSS !!

HER STANCE IS MORE STABLE...

?

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT. HER COUNTER CHANGED DRASTICALLY.

WHAT'S MORE, AT THE MOMENT OF THE CROSS SPIKE, SHE'S STRETCHING HER ARMS TO THE MAXIMUM, FROM THE SHOULDER BLADE TO THE TIPS OF HER FINGERS, TO CUT THE BALL'S TRAJECTORY.

BUT NOW, SHE'S FIRMLY STRETCHING BOTH OF HER ARMS FORWARD.

UNTIL NOW, SHE WASN'T STRETCHING HER ARMS' MUSCLES AND WAS JUST FOLLOWING THE BALL'S TRAJECTORY. EVEN IF SHE REACHED IT, SHE WOULD BE MISSING THE STRENGTH TO SEND IT BACK.

.. AND WATCH HER MOVEMENTS CAREFULLY.

STAY CALM, IRUKA. YOU MUST WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT

IT'S OKAY, YOU CAN STOP IT!!

OR STRAIGHT?

TO THE RIGHT? TO THE LEFT?

SHE'S GOING TO THE RIGHT FOR A CROSS SPIKE!!

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MOVE!!

NICEEE !!

OOOH!

13

YESSS!! I CAN DO IT! I CAN DO IT!!

HIGASAKI'S CATCHING UP WITH UNBELIEVABLE SPEED!! THE GAP BETWEEN THEM IS ONLY FOUR POINTS IN FAVOUR OF YAMAGAMI!!

HIAGASAKI B 7—11 YAMAGAMI A

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YEAH! LET'S GO!

COME ON, KOTOMI, LET'S KEEP GOING LIKE THIS!

FUCKING SHIIIIT!!!

IT'S ME!!

I'M THE BEST!!

THE BEST PLAYER IN KANAGAWA IS ME!!

BEFORE, SHE WAS FOLLOWING KURACHI LIKE A PUPPY BY JUMPING AT THE SAME TIME AS HER.

NOW, SHE PAYS ATTENTION TO KURACHI'S MOVEMENTS BEFORE JUMPING.

..
BUT SHE'S STARTING TO OBSERVE HER OPPONENT

NOT ONLY IS HER STANCE STABILIZING ...

SHE MIGHT EVEN TRANSFORM DURING THIS MATCH!

SHE'S EVOLVING AT A LUDICROUS SPEED.

HIGASAKI B 14—16 YAMAGAMI A

YAMAGAMI ISN'T ABLE TO WIDEN THE GAP AND IS NOW LEADING BY ONLY 2 POINTS!!

IRUKA, IT'S ALL YOURS!

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... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

DO YOU HEAR ME?! IT'S ME!!

I AM THE BEST!!

HACHIKO, BE CAREFUL!

A CROSS SPIKE!!

CHAPTER 51
ONE IN THE BAG!!

The Beach Stars

A CROSS SPIKE!!!

3

I... I DID IT?

2

HOW DID SHE DO THAT? IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!!

BUT... IT'S MY TECH-NIQUE?!

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IT...
IT WAS A
CROSS SPIKE!!

NANASE JUST
SCORED USING
THE SAME
TECHNIQUE AS
HER OPPONENT!!

I
DIDN'T
KNOW
...

SHE'S REALLY AWESOME! IT TURNS OUT SHE WAS ABLE TO DO THE CROSS SPIKE TOO!!

...THIS
MEANS
THAT THE
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POINT!!

HIGASAKI
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ING
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THAT'S
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THIS CROSS
SPIKE AND
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ARE SPE-
CIAL...

NO!

HIGASAKI B 15 - 16 YAMAGAMI A

BY DINT OF JUMPING TO COUNTER, SHE GRADUALLY ASSIMILATED HER MOVEMENTS. .

WHETHER IT'S THE HANDS, THE LEGS, THE KNEES OR THE SHOULDER, SHE COPIED EVERYTHING PERFECTLY!

IN FACT, NANASE COPIED KURACHI'S CROSS SPIKE...

SHE LEARNED BY MIMICRY!!

BY THE TIME MY BODY TURNED SIDEWAYS, ALL THE OBSTACLES THAT STOOD BEFORE ME HAD DISAPPEARED.

I HAD NEVER FELT THAT WAY BEFORE.

WOW, IT REALLY IS DIFFERENT FROM INDOOR VOLLEYBALL. .

BRUKA!

.....

SO THAT'S IT. THE TRUMP CARD OF THE QUEEN OF THE COURTS?

AND I WAS ABLE TO SPIKE TO A FREE CORNER WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.

THE CROSS SPIKE!!

.....

HMM.. TELL ME, IZUMI, DO YOU THINK THAT BY KNOWING HOW TO DO SOMETHING, YOU CAN DO IT?

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WHEN YOU JUMP ON SAND, YOU MUST BE ABLE TO KEEP A STEADY STANCE...

-BURIN-

THE CROSS SPIKE IN BEACH VOLLEYBALL ISN'T THE SAME AS THE ONE IN INDOOR VOL-LEYBALL

HMM. I SEE.

..CAN DO IT.

IT'S EXTREMELY HARD, MEANING ONLY PLAYERS LIKE KURACHI, WITH STRONG, MUSCULAR LEGS...

HOW-EVER, THERE IS AN EXCEP-TION..

THAT'LL SEEM UNBELIEVABLE, BUT THE SECRET OF THESE PEOPLE LIES NOT IN THE POWER OF THEIR LEGS TO JUMP..

THIS WILL HAPPEN VERY RARELY, BUT.. I HEARD THAT ANOTHER CATEGORY OF PEOPLE IS CAPABLE OF DOING IT..

!

...BUT IN AN INNATE SENSE OF BALANCE TO STRIKE IN THE AIR!

THEY WON'T SCORE AGAIN! I'LL STOP THEM!!

I'M STILL SPEECHLESS! WITH THE EMERGENCE OF THIS SECRET WEAPON FROM HIGASAKI, THE WINNER OF THIS MATCH IS QUITE UNCERTAIN!

I'M THE ONLY PLAYER IN KANAGAWA WHO'S MASTERED THIS TECHNIQUE!!

A MIDGET IS ABLE TO DO A CROSS SPIKE?! WHAT'S NEXT?!

THE JOKE IS OVER!!

THE ONLY ONE!!

THAT'S .

NOOO OOO!

YAA- AAH!!

IT'S A FAST CROSS SPIKE!!

WHAT INCREDIBLE SPEED!!

TO THE LEFT!!

12

HIGASAKI INTERCEPTED THE BALL!!

NANASE MANAGED TO ANTICIPATE KURACHI'S FURIOUS ATTACK AND COUNTERED IT ON-THE-SPOT!

SHE STOPPED IT!?

FROM A DESPERATE GAP OF NINE POINTS, HIGASAKI'S PLAYERS WERE ABLE TO LEVEL THE SCORE!

SHE ALLOWS HER TEAM TO EQUALIZE!

HIGASAKI B 18 – 18 YAMAGAMI A

KOTOMI! WE'RE ALMOST THERE!!

HER MAJESTY IS THE BEST!

IN... INSANE!

I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO TELL HER...

FINALLY .. SHE WAS ABLE TO FIND KURACHI'S WEAKNESS ON HER OWN.

GRRRL! I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

HOW CAN SHE PREDICT WHERE I'LL SHOOT?

...TO DISTRIBUTE THE WEIGHT EQUALLY AND HIT THE BALL ON THE SIDE.

CROSS SPIKE

CROSS SPIKE IS A TECHNIQUE THAT REQUIRES LATERAL STEPS...

SPIKE

BUT KURACHI GETS CARRIED AWAY BY HER WILL TO SCORE AND MAKES A GIANT STEP.

AN EXPERIENCED PLAYER EXECUTES THE LATERAL STEPS DISCREETLY SO THAT THE OPPONENT CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE'S ABOUT TO DO..

YES THAT SHE ONLY HAD TO WATCH KURACHI'S FEET TO FIND HER WEAKNESS...

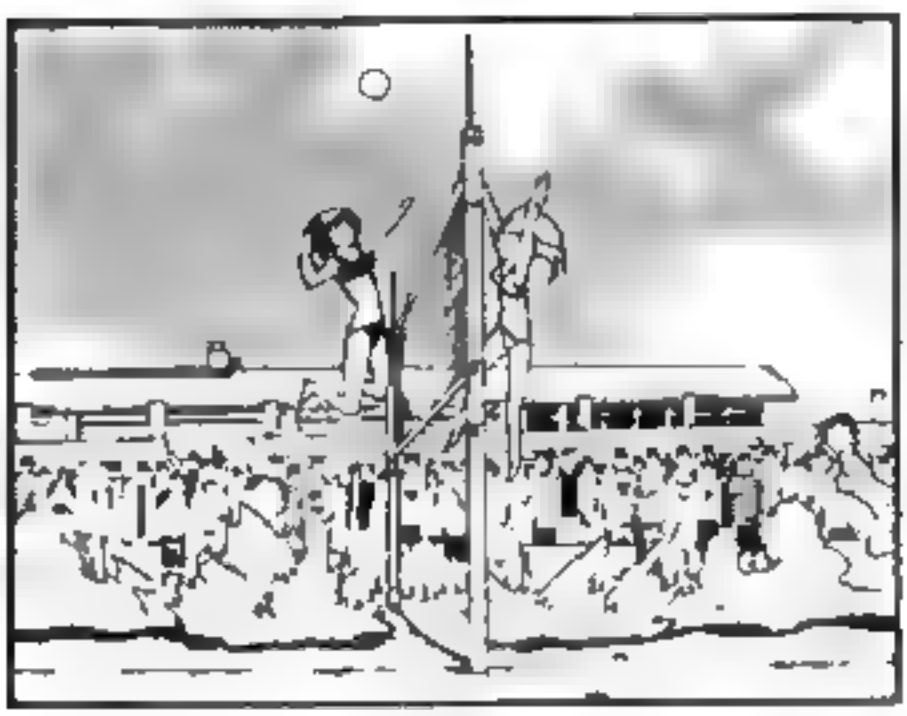
SO THAT'S WHAT YOU WANTED TO TELL HER?

THE MOVEMENT IS SO FAST THAT THE SPECTATORS DON'T NOTICE IT, BUT ..

UNBELIEVABLE! SET POINT FOR HIGASAKI!

...AND TO KNOW WHERE THE BALL WILL GO.

HIGASAKI B 20 – 18 YAMAGAMI A



CROSS SPIKE!!

AAAH ...

HIGASAKI B
YAMAGAMI A
2 1
1 8
AND IT'S OVEEEER!
HIGASAKI WON THE FIRST SET!!

BONUS

I'D GO SEE HUMVEE WHEN HE WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL!
TCHAKK
WHAT ERA WOULD YOU CHOOSE AND WHAT WOULD YOU DO THERE IF YOU HAD A TIME MACHINE?
YAMAGAMI'S HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM
I FORBID YOU, IDIOT!

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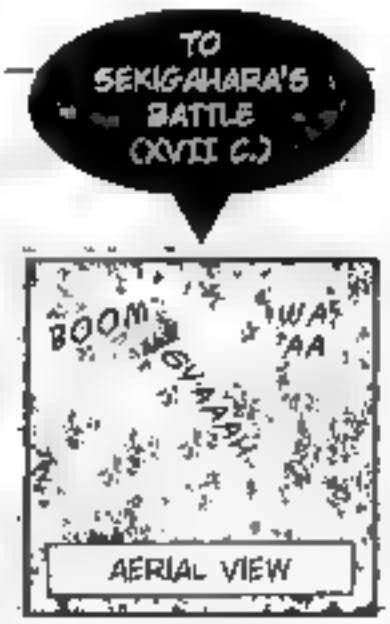
Takashi Kida

Tobio Koike



Taii Horikoshi

Takuma Morishige

Today again

IRUKA LEAVES WORK UNFINISHED

WHAT?

TIGER

I WANT TO HAVE THE EYE OF THE TIGER, LIKE ROCKY!!

A MEDIUM? IN THE NEIGHBOUR-HOOD?

HEY, TAKKI, HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE FORTUNE TELLER THAT EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT?

OH, LOOK, IT'S HERE!

TA DAM

DIVINATION

ADULTS:
100 YEN

CHILDREN:
50 YEN

SHUT UP!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE WITH AN AFRO?

OKAY! SO WHAT DID I EAT THIS MORNING?

EVERY TIME!

AND YOUR PREDICTIONS? THEY OCCUR?

THIS! EH... ONE OF THESE MEALS ON THE LIST!!

1 JAPANESE

2 WESTERN

3 CHINESE

4 SCARABS

WHAAAAT? THE 4TH CHOICE WAS THE GOOD ONE?!

WOAH, WAIT A MINUTE! SCARABS?! AND WHAT'S NEXT?!

WHY NOT! I HEARD THAT THERE'S A FORTUNE TELLER IN THE NEIGH-BOUR-HOOD...

DO YOU WANT TO WALK AROUND?

I'M NOT POOR!

DO I LOOK LIKE I EAT IN-SECTS, MORON 2!

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The Beach Stars

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